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Presidential Address

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To the 107th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society,
Adyar, 28 December 1982

WE are meeting together in an auspicious place on an auspicious occasion. Our thoughts go back to that year a hundred years ago when H.P.B. and H.S.O. discovered this beautiful spot on the bank of the Adyar river. 'We were driven to Adyar, and at the first glance knew that our future home was found,' wrote Colonel Olcott. 'The palatial building, its two riverside smaller bungalows, its brick-and-mortar stables, coach-house, godowns (store-rooms), and swimming-bath; its avenue of ancient mango and banyan trees, and its large plantation of casuarinas (one of the cone-bearing trees) made up an enchanting country residence, while the price asked—Rs. 9,000 odd, or about £600—was so modest, in fact, merely nominal, as to make the project of its purchase seem feasible even for us.' The purchase money was in fact loaned by some members. The title-deeds were received by them on 17 November 1882 and the Founders took up residence on 19 December. The Colonel wrote: 'We were welcomed to Madras at the station by a distinguished company of native gentlemen and escorted in grand style to Adyar, which seemed to smile upon its future masters...our beautiful home

seemed a fairy-place to us. Happy days are in store for us here.'

Those were days when the work of the Theosophical Society was hardly distinguishable from the labours of the Founders. Thus, the Society's home was their home. Though H.P.B. had to leave later, she loved Adyar and chose it for 'considerations which overweighed its loveliness.'

Today, a century later, we can echo Colonel Olcott's words and say that Adyar seems to smile upon the future and that happy days are in store for us. Mr C.R. Groves, a former General Secretary for England, wrote after his stay here: 'At Adyar, as probably in no other place, can be felt something of the dynamic intensity of the spirit which animates the Theosophical movement, and of the joy of aligning one's inner self with that spirit.'

For those who live here in order to work for the Society, 'the days are long and strenuous', as Mr Groves observed. 'But, in spite of that, daily life may bring a growing conviction that the real centre of life is elsewhere than at the personal level. While not yet able consciously "to live in the Eternal", living may take on a timeless quality, and it is possible to realize in

some interior way that life is indeed eternal and inexhaustible.'

I quote these words because they represent the experience of many thousands for whom Adyar has been a spiritual, if not a physical, home during a hundred years. A new future for mankind can be in the making where influences exist which draw men and women steadily towards harmony of living and freedom from personal aims and ambitions. To those who are truly dedicated to the discovery and service of Wisdom, Adyar is a harbinger of this future. Its past history, though inspiring and exceptional, is a mere prelude of what has yet to be. The future is not hereafter, if one might be allowed to be a little enigmatic. It exists now in the present, as the tree exists in the seed. The dignity and heights to which humanity can rise needs to be glimpsed now by the far sight of perceptive minds.

Much has been said and written about utopian communities and other adjuncts of a new civilization. A new civilization cannot be created by moving to new continents, or to a different age and race. That is sheer fantasy. In a centre like Adyar, a more solid foundation may be laid for the future of humanity by a quality of living which blossoms out of a growing awareness of the basic truths and processes of life.

The modern age has seen many forms of struggle for equality. But history has also demonstrated that true equality is not achieved by outer means only. The fine variations created by evolution and nature's infinite diversification work towards differentiation; differences in strength, capacity, intelligence, are inherent in the very processes of life. A

peaceful, just and happy human society cannot be achieved by abolishing differences but by learning to live with care for others. Loving-kindness transcends differences and teaches one to look to the needs of others with self-forgetting devotion.

The Theosophical Society and its home at Adyar are intended to point the way to such affectionate and unifying relationship without consideration of differences of status, race or religion. Affection and sympathy have the power to reveal the unchanging values in all forms of life and make the question of equality almost irrelevant. A warmly open heart leads to real knowledge and true action. In the magnificent words of Annie Besant, '...that which can never come by argument, by controversy, by intellectual reasoning, will come when the heart of love within us has awakened the spiritual nature. For love is deeper than intellect, love is greater than intelligence, and the love nature and the divine nature are so closely blended that it will not be long ere the man who loves his brother loves God.'

Members of the Theosophical Society are used to repeating that brotherhood is a fact in nature. Its reality is known only through the ability to meet rightly the tests which arise in daily life. Every difficulty which is met with sympathy, understanding and peace is a step which ensures a bright future for humanity.

A community like Adyar and a body like the Theosophical Society offer a testing-ground as well as guidance to meet the test. It is relatively easy to work together in an organization which provides ready-made ideas and beliefs.

The Theosophical Society challenges the inner strength of its members by calling upon them to unite in freedom with a common aspiration for truth.

Even as a caring and open heart prepares the mind for an intuition of truth, so pure and selfless search for truth breaks down barriers in the heart and floods it with the warmth of universality. Discovery of truth is also a discovery of wholeness. By encouraging a life of truth and affection, Adyar will, in fact, lay strong foundations for the onward journey of humanity.

H.P.B. warns in *The Key to Theosophy* that every such attempt as the Theosophical Society ended in failure, because 'sooner or later, it has degenerated into a sect, set up hard-and-fast dogmas of its own, and so lost by imperceptible degrees that vitality which living truth alone can impart.' If the Society's motto—'There is no Religion higher than Truth'—is deeply meaningful to at least the majority of its members, any possible degeneration will be averted.

Our Society has had a reasonably successful career so far, leavening world thought with wholesomeness, because no one—neither H.P.B. nor Annie Besant, nor even the Mahatmas themselves—has been set up as a final authority whose statements supersede the need to find truth for oneself.

The astonishing progress of science is largely due to the fact that it acknowledges no person as its final authority. Theory is ever subordinate to truth. In the same way, the inner development of humanity and the discovery of truth in the subjective world of experience is possible only when the

mind does not clutch at the known field of other peoples' words however helpful they may be, but has the energy to move on and find out for itself.

Adyar has often been called an *āshrama*. It is one in the sense that it provides the setting and atmosphere for serious search; but it is not a place where any personality or authority can be upheld or a new scripture produced. The sacredness and value of Adyar lies in its being a place in which, unlike most other *āshramas*, religion is synonymous with openness to truth, and in which relationships and conduct are expressive of both truth and affection. The life of Adyar can and should act as a spiritually rejuvenating influence on the body of the Theosophical Society.

It is hoped that in the coming years Adyar will continue to develop at every level and so enter even more deeply into the work which is essentially its own. Physically, it is a most beautiful place, but much work must be done to maintain and enhance its beauty. Several Presidents and others (Mr Jinarajadasa and Mr Yagnesvara Sastry in particular) have so added to the wealth of trees and plants in the estate that our garden attracts not only lay visitors but specialists. More trees, some ornamental and others fruit-bearing, are being planted. A great deal of work has been done to eradicate weeds and creepers harmful to the growth of useful plants. The use of power-tillers has increased production and we hope that, in another year or two, the gardens will be not only more beautiful but also profitable.

The great banyan tree is, of course, a special feature of the Society's estate and

attracts thousands of visitors each year. After consultation with experts of the Botanical Survey of India, measures were taken to revitalize the tree. It has been fed with large quantities of good earth and leaf mould and watered regularly. For this purpose, new pumps were installed and water-lines laid down.

As reported last year, the strike by some of our employees slowed our work for a time, but it fizzled out earlier this year as more and more workers came back. Most of those who preferred not to return have taken up employment elsewhere. Conditions are normal and much work has been done with alternative labour, particularly carrying out major roof repairs to a number of buildings. I should like to mention, in passing, that we have given priority to essential structural repairs rather than to improving the outer appearance of the buildings.

Although there is no tension at all with our present workers, a few ex-employees are evidently trying to create the impression that the strike is continuing and are no doubt hoping to attract the attention of delegates to the convention. We are sure that this is simply an activity designed for the occasion and that we shall be free from such demonstrations very soon. Last year I mentioned that we had to close the estate to visitors because of the activities of striking workers. Since February of this year, the estate has again been opened to visitors.

As part of the improvement programme, protective walls are being gradually built on vulnerable boundaries. The eastern and southern boundaries of Besant Gardens have already been safeguarded to a large extent by walls.

During the coming year, further work of this kind will go on which will not only prevent trespassing and possible encroachments, but also the losses which are being incurred through the theft of coconuts and fruit.

There have been some staff changes during the past year. Mrs Norma Y. Sastry, who came to Adyar as a young worker in 1935 and who has since then worked in many capacities for Adyar and the Society, was appointed as Secretary of the Society in March 1982. Mr N. Janakiram, who was temporarily in charge of the Maintenance Department, was appointed Manager of the Vasanta Press thus releasing Mr N.C. Ramanujachary for other work, including the promotion of the sale of T.P.H. books. This change was possible because we were able to obtain the services of Mr B. Veerabhadrachari, a member experienced in the maintenance of buildings and roads, to take charge of the Maintenance Department. Mrs P. Lakshmi Narayanaswamy was appointed Librarian of the Adyar Library and Research Centre.

The Besant Scout and Children's Camping Centre in Olcott Gardens has been a place where children, often from crowded urban areas, could spend some time in useful and enjoyable activities in beautiful surroundings. During the last year, the facilities in the camping centre were increased. Mr S. Venkataraman was appointed as Director, and there has been more intensive activity there.

Miss A. Satyabhama, on her retirement from All India Radio, kindly offered her services in a voluntary capacity to the Society. She was appointed as Secretary of

the Olcott Memorial Schools, and in the short time which she has had since she took charge, considerable improvements have taken place in the work of the Schools and the H.P.B. Hostel.

The work in the Adyar Library and Research Centre has been going on steadily in spite of shortage of qualified research staff and funds. Early in the year, a special issue of the library's journal *Brahmavidya*, entitled 'Dr K. Kunjunni Raja Felicitation Volume' was released. Other library publications have been delayed in printing for various reasons. The Director, Dr Raja, visited several universities in America and Europe after a stay in Calgary for work on a volume of the *Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophy*. He also lectured at the annual conference of the Canadian Section in Vancouver.

The main effort of the T.P.H. was to bring out special Adyar Centenary Editions of four books, *At the Feet of the Master*, *Light on the Path*, *The Voice of the Silence* and *The Light of Asia*. Preparation was also made to produce a special edition of Dr Besant's translation of the *Bhagavad-Gita*, but it could not be got ready for this Convention. In addition to the above-mentioned, a miniature book on *The Theosophic Life* was brought out as a souvenir for the delegates. The production of these beautiful volumes was made possible through the kindness of Mrs Mani Kantawala of Bombay.

The December 1982 issue of *The Theosophist* is a special commemoration issue with articles by many well-known members. Mr John Clarke, the Assistant Editor, has as usual done a great deal of

hard work to produce it.

The Executive Committee has set up the nucleus of a fund to construct a building for the T.P.H. in Besant Gardens near the Vasanta Press. It is hoped that other contributions will be forthcoming and that the project will become a reality in the not-too-distant future. The present premises of the T.P.H. could then be used to house the valuable archival material of the Society in an appropriate manner.

In the International Centre of Theosophical Studies, scholarships were given to a few chosen members this year with the aid of the fund started by Mr Hans Raj Narula. This scheme should be useful to help prepare workers for the Society. It was decided to provide a basic course in Theosophy during the first session before the Convention and to concentrate on the spiritual path as the theme for the second session after the Convention. The Director of the Centre, Mrs Seetha Neelakantan, gave courses on *The Secret Doctrine* and H.P.B.'s writings. Among visitors who provided special short-term courses were Mr Will Ross from Australia, Dr Robert Ellwood of the Department of Religion, University of Southern California, and Samadhong Rinpoche, Director of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies in Varanasi.

There has been a steady effort to increase the income of the Society while keeping down avoidable expenditure. One of the measures taken was to dispose of shares in companies yielding a low rate of interest and to invest the proceeds more profitably. This has resulted in a considerable increase of capital. In view

of rising costs, we propose to augment adequately the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund set up for the maintenance of Adyar.

During the year, some notable members passed over to other spheres; we shall miss them in our work down here. Mr L.H. Leslie Smith, who was a pillar of strength to the English Section and to the Society as a whole, passed away after a protracted illness. Another well-known figure in England was Miss Eunice Petrie who departed soon after her hundredth birthday; she will be remembered as a very loving, hospitable person. Mr Geoffrey Barborka, whose studies on *The Secret Doctrine* such as *The Divine Plan* are of much aid to students, also died. I should also like to mention Mr Homi Shroff who was Treasurer of the Society for some time and a stalwart worker in Burma and India; and Mr Charles Hunter of Northern Ireland, who had been a long-time resident in Adyar and had greatly helped our library by binding all the palm-leaf manuscripts.

A highlight of this year's work was the World Congress held in Nairobi from 7 to 11 December. It was truly international with representatives from a number of countries in the different continents. The public lectures were well attended and it is hoped that the event will create a new interest in Theosophy. It is gratifying to see increasing participation by Africans in theosophical work.

The reports of several Sections mention large membership losses owing to lapsings. In general, it would seem that much greater care is needed to see that, before admitting them as members, people understand what the Society

stands for and what are the principles which guide its work. Those who become members without grasping the real nature of the Society's Objects often drift away, looking for more sensational fare or teachings which will tell them what to believe and think. What is much worse, they may try to turn Theosophical Lodges into centres for propagating particular cults or practices. It is very necessary to consider whether the responsibility of membership (and, more particularly, of holding office) should be allowed to fall upon those who are not prepared for it.

Because of the work of preparation for the Adyar Centenary Convention, I did not travel as much as usual except within India where I visited several federations and conducted some study-classes. In April I made a brief visit to the United States and had the pleasure of renewing my acquaintance with the work at the Headquarters of the American Section.

The Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan, also visited various federations in the Indian Section.

Mr and Mrs Will Ross lectured in several countries including India, Australia, England and Canada and they visited the single lodge we have in Japan. Mr Juan Vilas has been lecturing for several years in Latin America. His visit this year to Spain was much appreciated. Mr and Mrs Rohit Mehta lectured in England, Holland and other places.

The membership in a number of Sections has increased. The report from the American Section refers to growth in all the departments although 'work in branches suffers from a lack of commitment of the members to the work of the Theosophical Society.' Probably a

similar comment could be made on the lodges in a number of Sections.

The special issues of *The American Theosophist* are bringing in many new subscribers. Video-programmes were made on 'Death and Dying' and other subjects. The book-sales are increasing and it is interesting to note that certain titles continue to sell year after year.

Although there has been much criticism of C. W. Leadbeater's interpretation of Theosophy, some of his books like *The Chakras* are among the best-sellers. During the year, the American Section published *The ESP of Quarks* by Dr Stephen Phillips, which provides scientific corroboration for the statements made in Leadbeater's *Occult Chemistry*. The Section proposes to follow up this publication with another book by Dr Lester Smith entitled *Re-Evaluation of Occult Chemistry*.

In this context the importance of keeping an open mind cannot be over-emphasized. There are many areas in which, at present, we have no knowledge at all and, in the absence of such knowledge, we are not in a position either to condemn the findings of some persons or to accept their statements as authoritative. The existence of some error does not invalidate all that a person says nor can he be taken as infallible because some of his teachings are helpful. The progress of the Theosophical Society depends on unbiased concern with Truth on the part of its members; it will be retarded if the emphasis is on supporting or condemning certain persons or opinions.

The report from Canada mentions that a home study-course is offered to new

students who are far away from any lodge and that a cassette library has been started.

Argentina is the main centre for Spanish publications. Dr I. K. Taimini's *Glimpses into the Psychology of Yoga* and C. W. Leadbeater's *Clairvoyance* and *Clairaudience* were published by this Section. In conjunction with the Inter-American Federation, other books were brought out in Spanish, namely Dr Besant's *A Study in Consciousness*, Clara Codd's *The Mystery of Life* and Dr Bhagavan Das's *The Science of the Emotions*. Buildings have been acquired in different places to facilitate the work.

Apart from Argentina, the largest membership in Latin America is in Brazil. Here the number of lodges is the same, but study-groups are growing. K.A. Beechey's *Meditations* was published during the year and also some other Theosophical books independently of the Section. The Young Theosophists in Brazil have their own magazine which is reported to be of interest to non-members also.

In Uruguay, there are now regular study-courses and weekly radio programmes. The General Secretary reports that there is a 'completely new tone in the work'. Those who have not paid their dues have been removed from the membership register.

In Venezuela, Peru and Chile our members are bravely carrying on in spite of their fewness in number.

Conditions are naturally difficult in Communist countries; nevertheless theosophical work goes on in a few of them. There are 19 active lodges with 480 members. In Cuba, a convention was held

in January 1982. Study and lectures are carried on while joint meetings of the lodges are arranged. We have no such precise news from Vietnam, but the report informs us of continuing activity. The members 'work for the reconstruction of the country' and the propagation of Theosophical ideas through daily life. The visit of Mrs Rukmini Devi Arundale to Saigon was very much appreciated. It is extremely encouraging to learn that in the midst of adverse circumstances they have got ready a translation of part of *The Secret Doctrine*.

The report from India indicates a slight increase in the membership which now stands at 10,177. The Indian Section published a revised edition of Pavri's *Theosophy Explained in Questions and Answers* and also an English-Hindi Glossary which will help to establish a correct Theosophical vocabulary for translation. *To Those Who Mourn* and *Death and After* are being sent to the bereaved when there is occasion irrespective of whether they are members or not.

Steady Theosophical work is going on in Indonesia, Burma and Malaysia. A study-group has been formed in Penang with the help of a member of the American Section. In Sri Lanka, study has been devoted to the understanding of Buddhism in its many forms. The members hope to renovate and extend the building in Colombo.

The annual report from the Philippines mentions that a Presidential decree has allowed the reprinting of books of foreign authors and that *Theosophy for Beginners* by C.N. Christie and *Character*

Building by Ernest Wood 'have been selling like hot cakes'. From time to time, new members are inducted into the Society in a simple ceremony. A seminar was held for briefing of officers. Manila was chosen as the venue for the Indo-Pacific Conference for which a great deal of preparation has been made.

The General Secretary for East and Central Africa reports that Mr Reuben Thuku travelled to almost all the lodges in Kenya, Zambia and Tanzania and that these visits were very helpful. The sale of books is restricted owing to exchange-control problems. Clara Codd's *The Ageless Wisdom of Life* was distributed to school and college libraries.

Though Theosophy has found a place in the life of West African countries like Nigeria, Ghana and the Cameroons, since the background of the people in these areas is one of magic, there is much difficulty in putting across the Theosophical point of view.

The report from South Africa mentions that 'lodges in the section are still managing to keep up the good work in spreading Theosophy' in spite of economic and other problems.

The General Secretary for Australia has sent a very full report. He continued to give orientation courses in a number of places in order to help members acquire a better knowledge of fundamentals. The bookshops in several cities are doing well.

The New Zealand Section's magazine is a successful medium of communication, going, as it does, to non-members as well as members. The Section has a large cassette library which is widely used. The General Secretary tells us that the presence of Mr Geoffrey Hodson in the

country is an inspiration.

A few Sections in Europe report a dramatic increase in membership. The important question is, as mentioned earlier, whether these newcomers are aware of the Society's true aims and character.

A beginning has been made in organizing a European School of Theosophy. The first one was held in Tekels Park, England, with students from several European countries taking part. The next one is to be held in Germany.

The report from England mentions that there are more inquiries and better attendance at public lectures. The purchase of a fast-copying cassette machine has been useful and the cassettes now form part of the material loaned by the fine library at the headquarters. A 'Friends of Tekels Park' organization has been formed to support this beautiful centre at Camberley which is much used for seminars and other activities.

From Wales, the General Secretary reports that more responsibility is being given to members as chairmen, speakers and so forth which results in better study. The Scottish General Secretary reports that a wide variety of topics is being provided. In spite of great difficulties in Northern Ireland, study and lecture programmes go on. Problems of another nature arose in Eire; these are being resolved.

The French Section has equipped itself with printing machines which have proved very useful. In Italy, translations of Annie Besant's *In the Outer Court* and the second volume of *The Secret Doctrine* have been reprinted. The General Secretary reports that membership is slowly increasing, but there is need for a deeper understanding of Theosophy. This is the position elsewhere too.

The Finnish Section commemorated its seventy-fifth anniversary by bringing out an anthology on *The Problem of Man*. Work is proceeding steadily in other countries in Europe.

Mr C. Seshadri has taken over the work of the Theosophical Order of Service at Adyar and has resumed contact with the work in different parts of the world. After the passing of Miss Gusta Koopman, the newsletter was discontinued. It has now been started again and presents a picture of very active work in a number of countries.

Preparation for this Adyar Centenary Convention would have been impossible without the dedicated co-operation of my colleagues at Adyar. I would like to thank particularly Mr R. Gopalaratnam who shouldered this demanding work with the help of the Convention Committee.

I wish you all the happiest of days at Adyar and hope that a new awareness and energy will emanate from our being together in this Convention. □

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT
AND
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 1982

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

I have pleasure in submitting the report on the accounts and finances for the year 1981-82.

The year under review was an abnormal one in that towards the end of June 1981, 105 employees went on strike mostly affecting the Garden Department, The Theosophical Publishing House and the Maintenance and Security Departments. It was also abnormal in that during the year the working of the Vasanta Press was totally reorganized, changing over to Phototypesetting and closing the large Binding Section. As a consequence of the strike, in the Garden Department the sales of coconuts went down by Rs. 17,545. There was a decline in some other sales also. In The Theosophical Publishing House, because of inability to execute orders owing to lack of staff, the receipts went down by Rs. 103,709. Lodging receipts in Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers also went down because of our inability to cater to the normal number of guests. Expenditure on security necessarily went up by Rs. 85,981 compared to the preceding year. An Ex-gratia payment of Rs. 23,373 was made to all the loyal employees.

During the year provision had to be made to the extent of Rs. 27,814 for additional payment of property tax, as the Corporation of Madras demanded tax for the first time in regard to the Beach Houses, Adyar Library building and Olcott Memorial High School buildings for the period from 1-4-1978 to 31-3-1982. Steps have however, been taken to have this demand revised.

As decided by the General Council at its meeting on 25-12-1981, the previous practice of charging depreciation on Immovable Properties to the Income and Expenditure Account (which was discontinued in 1978), has been restored and accordingly an extra amount of Rs. 117,231 has been charged to the Income and Expenditure account this year.

On the other hand, during the year, a surplus of Rs. 310,000 became available by sale of Vasanta Press machinery replaced by the phototypesetter and Rs. 106,598 from the sale and revaluation of types, type metals, furniture and fixtures of the Press. These were utilized not only to cover the shortfalls, extra provisions and expenditure referred to above, but also for the following purposes :

(a) As the provision made in the past for payment of gratuity to employees was not sufficient in some cases and in others not in conformity with the requirements of the Government Gratuity Act, an additional provision of Rs. 112,260 has been made for this purpose.

(b) The Capital Fund of the Olcott Education Society, which carries on the educational work for underprivileged children, started by Col. Olcott became depleted since no donations were made to it by the T. S. for several years. A sum of Rs. 120,000 was therefore donated to replenish this capital fund.

While depreciation on Immovable Properties and increased expenditure on Security will be continuing expenditures, the other exceptional expenses, shortfalls and provisions are peculiar to this year of strike. Boarding and Lodging receipts are expected to come back to normal.

The final result shows a deficit for the year, of Rs. 46,996, as compared to the deficit of Rs. 49,054 of last year. It is heartening that the capital funds of the Society

are gradually increasing despite the deficits. The overall financial position of the Society can be considered to be satisfactory.

The year under review recorded an increase in receipts under the following heads, in addition to the surplus obtained by sale of Vasanta Press machinery and types and type metals.

Donations	..	Rs. 65,000
Fees and Dues	..	Rs. 16,160
Interest	..	Rs. 44,684

The total deficits of the departments show an increase of Rs. 84,815.

There have been increased receipts and expenditure of a minor nature under various heads which it is unnecessary for me to detail.

DEPARTMENTAL RESULTS :

1. The Adyar Library :

The sale of publications went down by Rs. 13,110. The decrease in the stock value of books is on account of depreciation calculated on the basis of the year of publication. The publication account shows an increased deficit of Rs. 19,900. The overall deficit has increased by Rs. 16,376 which is mainly due to the depreciation on books written off.

2. Bhojanasala :

a. Boarding : There is a slight increase of Rs. 6,769 in the boarding income while the expenditure went up by Rs. 8,337. The deficit for the year was Rs. 29,264 as against Rs. 25,960 of last year.

b. Lodging : The receipts came down by Rs. 13,965. There was a slight decrease in the expenditure. The surplus of Rs. 7,172 has been transferred to the main 'Quarters Maintenance' account.

3. Garden Department :

In spite of the reduction in coconut sales due to the strike, the gross return from Cultivation went up by Rs. 3,433. The increase under depreciation of Rs. 6,262 is chiefly due to depreciation on two Power Tillers purchased at a cost of Rs. 31,636 during the year. The net

deficit is a little less than that of last year.

4. Leadbeater Chambers :

The boarding section (except for breakfast) was closed in the beginning of June 1981. The overall expenditure went up by Rs. 12,173 due to the inclusion of the expenditure on breakfast, which previously used to be charged to the boarding section, while the lodging receipts dropped by Rs. 20,701 partly because of the strike. The net result was a marginal surplus of Rs. 496 which was transferred to the 'Quarters Maintenance' account.

5. Maintenance Department :

Under Office Salaries, the expenditure increased by Rs. 6,016 because of the appointment of a Superintendent, the post having been vacant previously. Although the provision for gratuity was increased by Rs. 42,885, overall deficit was up by Rs. 8,571 only.

6. Theosophical Publishing House :

a. The Theosophist :

The expenditure decreased by Rs. 1,797. Receipts have dropped under the following heads in comparison with last year.

Advertisements	..	Rs. 6,744
Sale of the journal	..	Rs. 5,108

There was a steep fall of Rs. 15,738 in subscriptions received during the year.

Consequently, the excess of expenditure over income for the year was up by Rs. 25,635. Efforts are being made to increase the number of subscribers.

b. Theosophical Publishing House—Income & Expenditure account :

As already mentioned, due to the inability to execute orders, sales went down by Rs. 103,709. However, the overall gross profit went down only by Rs. 5,855. Last year, the depreciation on books, worked out on the basis of the year of publication, was reduced from the closing stock. As this method was found to cause some difficulty in comparing the gross profit, it has been decided that the closing stock should be shown at cost and the depreciation should be shown as a separate item in the Income and Expenditure account. Such depreciation on books written off during the year amounted to Rs. 108,205 as against Rs. 72,251 of last year. Though there has been a saving in expenses to the tune of Rs. 56,417, due to the steep fall in sales and the additional depreciation, the net surplus declined by Rs. 56,690.

The book deposits have gone up by Rs. 137,000.

7. Vasanta Press:

The surplus on sale of machinery, types and type metals has already been referred to earlier. The provision for gratuity was increased by Rs. 45,851 for reasons already stated. The overall deficit came down by Rs. 39,223, in comparison with last year's deficit.

With a view to improve the quality of production, a phototypesetting unit was installed at a cost of Rs. 372,510.

BALANCE SHEET:

1. General Fund:

The General Fund has increased by the addition of bequests, donations specially made for the General Fund and transfer of certain funds. The details are as follows :

	Rs.
1. Bequests	... 65,075
2. Donations	... 46,672
3. Surplus on the disposal of buildings and lands	... 19,309
4. Exchange Equalization Fund	158,614
5. Compound Wall Erection Fund	... 30,000
6. Other Transfers	... + 36,954
	<hr/> 356,624 <hr/>

The General Fund stood at Rs. 6,629,769 as on 31-3-1982 as against Rs. 6,320,142 at end of the previous year.

2. Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund and John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund:

For the A.B.C. Fund we have received donations totalling to Rs. 189,393 and for John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund, the donations received amount to Rs. 107,033. The total of these Funds put together stands at Rs. 3,143,402 as against Rs. 2,846,977 at the end of last year.

Miscellaneous Funds (a)

(1) The 1982 Adyar Centenary Fund which stood at Rs. 50,665 has increased by Rs. 80,000.

(2) To enable necessary improvements in the Adyar Estate, a separate fund styled "Adyar Estate Improvement Fund" was started which stood at Rs. 51,911 as on 31-3-1982. This is a temporary fund

which will be closed when immediate needs have been taken care of.

3. Investments:

Bank deposits have increased by Rs. 550,000 and Miscellaneous Securities by Rs. 35,800.

4. General:

An earnest effort is being made to administer the affairs of the Adyar Estate efficiently and to exercise strict control over the spending in various departments. Concurrently, efforts are also being directed towards increasing the revenues, especially from the Garden. Many of

the buildings are now old and need extensive repairs and renovation. With the city growing all round the campus, it is becoming necessary to guard the estate by peripheral walls. We wish to enlarge the scope and work of the International Centre of Theosophical Studies and make available more facilities to interested members from the different Sections as well as to the public. To raise funds necessary for these purposes, an appeal for liberal help has been issued. It is hoped that there will be adequate response.

(MISS) TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE TRUST

Particulars	1981-82	1980-81
Income		
Donations	1,00,00.00	1,00,00.00
Grants	2,00,00.00	2,00,00.00
Interest	10,00.00	10,00.00
Dividend	5,00.00	5,00.00
Other Income	15,00.00	15,00.00
Total Income	1,30,00.00	1,30,00.00
Expenditure		
Salaries and Wages	40,00.00	40,00.00
Office Expenses	10,00.00	10,00.00
Travel Expenses	5,00.00	5,00.00
Repairs and Maintenance	3,00.00	3,00.00
Depreciation	2,00.00	2,00.00
Other Expenditure	10,00.00	10,00.00
Total Expenditure	70,00.00	70,00.00
Surplus	60,00.00	60,00.00

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 1982

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Departmental Results:				
Adyar Library ...	— 95,784.30		— 112,159.99	
Bhojanasala ...	— 4,163.69		— 29,263.95	
Consumer Stores ...	— 7,843.66		— 9,563.47	
Garden Department ...	— 48,480.85		— 48,051.20	
Leadbeater Chambers ...	+ 16,009.52			
Maintenance Department ...	— 171,235.85		— 179,806.89	
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+ 105,244.72		+ 48,554.02	
Vasanta Press ...	— 92,473.12		— 53,250.24	
		298,727.23		383,541.72
Establishment and other Expenses:				
Bad debts ...	4,470.75			
Cotribution to Schools ...			120,000.00	
Child Welfare Centre ...	4,228.79		6,860.05	
Convention 1981 ...	13,954.86		1,628.00	
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	2,972.25		1,965.75	
Dispensary ...	17,828.91		19,348.32	
Estate Management ...	15,854.63		14,737.80	
Fire Insurance ...	1,282.68		2,500.80	
Headquarters Department ...	20,152.21		18,955.67	
Information and Public Relations Department ...	7,058.43		1,460.32	
Insurance Fund Administration ...	594.45		393.15	
Interest on Funds ...	5,818.79		6,173.27	
International Offices ...	69,402.19		69,554.02	
International Centre of Theosophical Studies ...	8,475.92		5,395.63	
Kotagiri Property Maintenance ...	9,838.10		4,491.99	
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	7,500.00		9,390.60	
Miscellaneous ...	7,661.32		7,649.96	
Motor Cars Maintenance ...	7,335.67		12,704.33	
Movable Properties Dept. ...	38,411.32		18,604.27	
Museum and Archives ...	9,455.16		6,218.68	
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	17,207.88		15,935.44	
Printing and Stationery ...	23,389.26		20,633.88	
P.F. Administration ...	2,199.50		1,454.95	
Circulars etc. to Gen. Secretaries ...	2,888.95		3,518.93	
Retirement Allowances ...	24,127.19		25,636.02	
Sanitary Department ...	22,376.24		13,965.08	
Security Department ...	117,254.59		203,235.81	
Taxes ...	25,680.58		53,494.58	
Travelling & Conveyance ...	2,693.80		1,485.30	
		490,114.42		667,392.60
Provisions:				
For Gratuity ...	7,663.00		26,770.63	
For Building Maintenance ...	30,000.00		30,000.00	
		37,663.00		56,770.63
Depreciation:				
On Kotagiri Property ...	—		3,405.42	
On Immovable Property ...	—		94,323.50	
On Adyar Library Building ...	—		19,501.75	
On Film Projector, Air conditioner and Tape Recorder ...	2,211.00		1,796.00	
On Motor Vehicles ...	6,607.80		5,286.00	
On Movable Property ...	12,519.42		10,810.14	
		21,338.22		135,122.81
		847,842.87		1,242,827.76

ADYAR,
22-7-1982

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
(MISS) TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer

SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1982

INCOME				PREVIOUS YEAR	CURRENT YEAR
				Rs.	Rs.
Adyar Newsletter	...	...	...	1,503.49	3,532.30
Donations	...	...	...	13,445.43	78,449.93
Fees and Dues	...	...	...	180,639.35	196,799.34
Interest and Dividends	...	...	...	406,155.02	450,839.17
Licence Fee	...	...	...	36,000.00	36,000.00
Overhead Charges	...	...	...	19,285.97	11,056.05
Quarters Maintenance (Recoveries)	...	...	...	122,679.05	109,154.89
Sale of Motor Car (Surplus)	...	...	...	19,080.80	—
Sale of Vasanta Press Machinery (Surplus)	...	...	...	—	310,000.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	...	...	49,053.76	46,996.08
				847,842.87	1,242,827.76

Examined and found correct.
 FOR N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.
 N. ANANTHANARAYANAN F.C.A., (Partner)

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 31st MARCH 1982

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
FIXED ASSETS:				
Immovable Properties: (At Cost)				
(including lands at Urur) ...	191,391.09		188,866.09	
Less: Disposals ...	2,525.00		4,131.25	
		188,866.09		184,734.84
Buildings at Adyar (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	3,232,429.90		3,260,421.90	
Additions ...	29,992.00		71,470.65	
	3,262,421.90		3,331,892.55	
Less: Disposals ...	2,000.00		—	
	3,260,421.90		3,331,892.55	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	1,176,994.08		1,271,317.58	
		2,083,427.82		2,060,574.97
Adyar Library Building (At Cost) ...	780,069.92		780,069.92	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	225,110.58		244,612.33	
		554,959.34		535,457.59
Gulistan-Kotagiri (At Cost):	49,980.57		49,980.57	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	17,084.03		18,333.53	
		32,896.54		31,647.04
High Cliff—Kotagiri (At Cost) ...	56,237.47		56,237.47	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	4,217.76		5,623.68	
		52,019.71		50,613.79
Rose Windows-Kotagiri (At Cost): ...	30,000.00		30,000.00	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	5,250.00		6,000.00	
		24,750.00		24,000.00
Compound Wall under construction		—		68,519.65
Movable Properties at Adyar:				
Furniture & Fixtures, etc. (At Cost)				
Additions ...	237,870.28		253,614.55	
	16,269.27		1,124.18	
	254,139.55		254,738.73	
Less: Disposals ...	525.00		—	
	253,614.55		254,738.73	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	182,671.15		193,481.29	
		70,943.40		61,257.44
Motor Cars (At Cost) ...	165,404.86		158,385.66	
Less: Disposals ...	7,019.20		—	
	158,385.66		158,385.66	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	131,955.66		137,241.66	
		26,430.00		21,144.00
DEPARTMENTAL ASSETS:				
Adyar Library:				
Fixed Assets ...	300,096.82		296,421.67	
Current Assets ...	265,949.74		212,577.95	
		566,046.56		508,999.62
Bhojanasala:				
Fixed Assets ...	6,037.51		5,136.70	
Current Assets ...	4,559.37		7,510.42	
		10,596.88		12,647.12
Garden:				
Fixed Assets ...	51,703.32		85,322.54	
Current Assets ...	6,629.80		24,268.03	
		58,333.12		109,590.57
C/o		3,669,269.46		3,669,186.63

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f	...		9,394,921.70		9,844,767.23
Other Funds:					
(See Notes below)					
Miscellaneous Funds (a)	...		188,153.93		321,664.95
Miscellaneous Funds (c)	...		146,431.60		158,315.06
Miscellaneous Funds (d)	...		407,760.47		449,654.14
Adyar Library Funds and Reserves:					
Immovable Property at Juhu	...	29,500.00		28,500.00	
Miscellaneous Funds	...	20,699.87		21,723.87	
Government Grants	...	66,752.50		58,936.50	
Gratuity Reserve	...	17,922.00		22,673.00	
			134,874.37		131,833.37
T.P.H. Funds and Reserves:					
Reserves and Surplus	...	456,297.51		418,415.30	
T.P.H. Investments Fund	...	93,000.00		230,000.00	
			549,297.51		648,415.30
T.P.H. Sundry Creditors	...		344,549.06		300,476.41
Vasanta Press:					
Machinery Dismantling & Assembling Reserve	...	4,928.42		4,928.42	
Retirement Allowance Reserve	...	566.01		—	
			5,494.43		4,928.42
Gratuity Reserve	...		215,897.18		278,874.86
Casuarina Development:					
Reserve	...		55,262.26		55,262.26
Sundry Creditors:					
Departments	...	58,992.75		46,664.30	
Others	...	79,935.78		65,261.54	
			138,928.53		111,925.84
Sundry Deposits	...		106,186.65		174,801.14
Outstanding Liability	...		6,180.00		30,542.11
			11,693,937.69		12,511,461.09

Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.

(b) Interest only available for general purposes.

(c) Interest only available for specific purposes.

(d) Capital available for specific purposes

ADYAR,
22-7-1982

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
(Miss) TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 31st MARCH 1982 (Contd.)

ASSETS		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	B/f	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	...		3,669,269.46		3,669,186.63
Leadbeater Chambers:					
Fixed Assets	...	17,494.78		14,403.56	
Current Assets	...	993.00		2,277.42	
			18,487.78		16,680.98
Maintenance Department:					
Fixed Assets	...	96,091.33		100,587.41	
Current Assets	...	126,009.94		137,155.81	
			222,101.27		237,743.22
Theosophical Publishing House:					
Fixed Assets	...	15,580.10		13,698.50	
Current Assets	...	1,587,328.28		1,549,247.99	
			1,602,908.38		1,562,946.49
Vasanta Press:					
Fixed Assets	...	642,202.18		953,994.65	
Current Assets	...	254,150.36		276,009.38	
			896,352.54		1,230,004.03
Other Departments (Dispensary, Sanitary, etc.)					
Fixed Assets	...	14,435.00		20,259.00	
Current Assets	...	8,862.06		—	
			23,297.06		20,259.00
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Investments (At Cost)					
Government of India Loans	...	6,300.00		6,300.00	
Fixed Deposits	...	3,965,400.00		4,515,400.00	
Foreign Investments	...	345,073.25		340,933.25	
Miscellaneous Securities	...	345,324.69		381,124.69	
			4,662,097.94		5,243,757.94
Interest accrued but not received			90,825.29		70,077.40
Sundry Assets			5,630.51		10,194.39
Loans and Advances	...		130,302.02		64,048.55
Outstanding Income:	...		4,276.36		25,276.36
Security Deposit	...		1,990.00		3,970.00
Gratuity Advance:	...		9,950.00		12,960.00
Sundry Debtors					
(Considered good by Management)			20,337.70		14,284.81
Prepaid Expenses	...		6,002.07		5,843.45
Cash:					
In Madras Banks on Current and Savings accounts	...				301,996.97
In London Bank on Current Account	...		260,149.34		12,125.66
On hand	...		57,745.44		10,105.21
			11,693,937.69		12,511,461.09

Examined and found correct.

FOR N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

N. ANANTHANARAYANAN, F.C.A., (Partner)

INVESTMENTS

Total	..	2,565,500
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INVESTMENTS

Total	...	561,000
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FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1982

	1980-81 Rs.	1981-82 Rs.
The Theosophical Society in Argentina	30,657.74	7,971.75
" Australia	19,485.29	20,734.66
" Austria	3,182.35	2,889.34
" Belgium	5,698.43	4,308.74
" Bolivia	770.00	497.95
" Brazil	—	—
" Bulgaria	—	—
" Burma	—	—
" Canada	1,398.60	1,641.81
" Canadian Federation	378.00	415.87
" Central America	1,540.00	1,141.05
" Chile	1,190.00	1,800.00
" Colombia	—	300.94
" Cuba	—	—
" Czechoslovakia	—	—
" Denmark	1,348.10	—
" East & Central Africa	—	1,379.88
" England	7,162.50	1,569.12
" Egypt	—	—
" Finland	4,710.00	4,111.65
" France	12,637.61	13,516.71
" Germany	5,047.33	4,837.40
" Greece	—	—
" Hungary	—	—
" Iceland	1,928.55	2,314.53
" India	12,823.66	18,721.64
" Indonesia	150.00	1,337.93
" Ireland	—	474.40
" Israel	—	—
" Italy	6,270.00	5,571.30
" Japan	—	—
" Malaysia	—	—
" Mexico	1,115.91	1,096.70
" Netherlands	5,682.04	12,198.06
" New Zealand	—	13,170.90
" Northern Ireland	37.45	30.00
" Norway	316.46	1,250.94
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C/o	123,530.02	123,283.27

		1980-81	1981-82
		Rs.	Rs.
B/f		123,530.02	123,283.27
The Theosophical Society in	Paraguay	—	—
"	Pakistan	—	—
"	Peru	—	—
"	Philippines	—	2,648.65
"	Poland	—	—
"	Portugal	603.85	1,210.22
"	Puerto Rico	6,118.75	—
"	Rumania	—	—
"	Russia	—	—
"	Scotland	—	—
"	Southern Africa	—	1,437.02
"	Spain	1,830.00	764.03
"	Sri Lanka	—	—
"	Sweden	3,551.14	2,157.11
"	Switzerland	—	5,788.15
"	U.S.A.	38,318.89	54,767.75
"	Uruguay	—	1,312.30
"	Venezuela	635.00	—
"	Vietnam	—	—
"	Wales	401.58	360.29
"	West Africa	—	—
"	Yugoslavia	1,285.20	630.00
Lodges attached to Adyar		2,809.80	1,518.45
Fellows-at-Large		1,555.12	922.10
Total		<u>180,639.35</u>	<u>196,799.34</u>

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020 INDIA

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED

30TH SEPTEMBER 1982

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

I have pleasure in submitting this report of the accounts and finances of the Society for the half year ended 30th September, 1982. Efforts initiated last year to make improvements are continuing. There is reason to be satisfied with the overall position of the finances of the Society.

At the meeting held on 25th December, 1981, the General Council decided that the accounting year of the Society should be changed from April-March to October-September. In order to give effect to this decision, the accounts have been made up for the half year beginning 1st April, 1982 and ending 30th September, 1982. For the purpose of comparing the results of this half year, I have taken the average figures of the last year for a similar period.

The total deficit of the Departments shows a decrease of Rs. 36,288. The overall expenditure, excluding the departmental expenditure has come down by Rs. 13,448. Fees and dues have gone up by Rs. 34,239 and interest receipts by Rs. 61,893. The donations received are less by Rs. 26,790. The overall deficit after charging to the revenue account Depreciation of Rs. 59,416 on Immovable Property comes to Rs. 63,260 for the half year ended 30th September, 1982.

During the period under report extensive repairs have been done to various buildings as otherwise their structural stability would have been endangered. The worn-out lime plaster in some of the big buildings had to be scraped and replaced with cement plastering. Special repairs have been done to the facade and interior of the Headquarter's Hall. In front of it a new lawn has been laid. A programme of rejuvenating the Banyan tree has been taken up. The broad details of expenditure are as under:—

	Rs.
Banyan tree, Headquarters' area, Garden of Remembrance, weeding of the Estate, etc. . .	33,641
Tents for Besant Scouting Centre . .	16,800
Special repairs for Headquarters' Hall . .	50,799
Improvements to wells and water points . .	28,036
Repairs and renovations to other buildings including Leadbeater Chambers and Bhojanasala . .	133,753
	263,029

The above expenditure has been met from the budgeted provisions for Building Repairs and from the contributions received for the Adyar Estate Improvement Fund.

DEPARTMENTAL RESULTS :

1. Adyar Library:

The production account shows a surplus of Rs. 16,927 in the half year under report as against the deficit of Rs. 62,463 last year. The expenses have come down by Rs. 36,260 and the overall deficit comes to Rs. 18,856.

2. Bhojanasala:

a. **Boarding:** Though there is a reduction in expenses as well as receipts, the net deficit is almost at the same level as in the last year.

b. **Lodging:** The expenditure has come down by Rs. 3,323. The receipts have fallen by Rs. 3,525 with the result that the net surplus is less by Rs. 202.

3. Garden Department:

Improvement is to be seen in the cultivation account. A sum of Rs. 11,480 expended in earlier years on the Jasmine scheme has been transferred to the cultivation account as an irrecoverable loss. The expenditure under General Maintenance has gone up by Rs. 23,133. The final deficit is more by Rs. 5,239.

4. Leadbeater Chambers:

The overall expenditure has gone down by Rs. 17,161 and the receipts by Rs. 10,963, with the result that the net surplus increased by Rs. 6,198.

5. Maintenance Department:

The overall expenditure went up by Rs. 62,783 and the receipts also have increased by Rs. 89,582. The final deficit is less by Rs. 26,798.

6. The Theosophical Publishing House:

a. The Theosophist:

The expenditure is less by Rs. 7,677 and the income by Rs. 1,377. The net deficit is less by Rs. 6,300.

b. Adyar Newsletter:

The expenditure has gone up by Rs. 3,709 and the receipts have gone down by Rs. 3,221 with the result that

there is a deficit of Rs. 5,164 in this half year as against the surplus of Rs. 3,532 last year.

c. The Theosophical Publishing House:

There is a marked improvement in the sales which increased by Rs. 113,354. The expenses went down by Rs. 2,386 and the income rose by Rs. 1,390. The net surplus shows a rise of Rs. 3,776.

7. Vasanta Press:

The production surplus has gone up by Rs. 10,554. The overall expenditure including depreciation had declined by Rs. 13,118. The net deficit is up by Rs. 30,796. This is due to the fact that in the previous year we had extra income by way of surplus on the revaluation of Types and Metals and the sale of furniture and equipment. Further the depreciation of the Phototypesetter and the Air-conditioning equipment is being charged at 20% as against the 10% on other types of machinery. It is worth noting that while the other overheads have been within reasonable limits the production has not gone up to yield a sufficient profit to cover the heavy depreciation.

8. Capital Expenditure:

The following are the major items of Capital expenditure incurred during the half year under report:

	Rs.
Adyar Library: Furniture	16,398
" Books & Manuscripts	13,340
Garden Department: Power Tiller	16,770
Maintenance Department:	
Motors, pumps,	
Fans & Fittings	37,904
Vasanta Press: Air-conditioner	17,440
" Additional Terminal for	
Photo Typesetter and	
Lenox Copier	103,126
Buildings at Adyar	34,223
Compound Wall (under construction)	49,673
Total	288,874

BALANCE SHEET:**1. General Fund:**

The General Fund has increased by the transfer of the following:

Adyar Employees Fund ..	23,069
Government Grants for furniture and books purchased for Adyar Library ..	18,000
Other transfers ..	7,427

The General Fund stood at Rs. 6,615,005 as on 30-9-1982 as against Rs. 6,629,769 at the end of the previous year.

2. Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund and John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund:

For the A.B.C. Fund we have received donations totalling to Rs. 201,107 and for the John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund the donations received amount at Rs. 197,037. The total of these funds put together stood at Rs. 3,541,546 as against Rs. 3,143,402 at the end of last year.

3. Miscellaneous Funds (a)

(1) The 1982 Adyar Centenary Fund which stood at Rs. 130,665 last year has increased by Rs. 68,759.

(2) Adyar Estate Improvement Fund:

This fund which was created to meet the cost of improvements to the Adyar Estate and stood at Rs. 52,911 last year increased by Rs. 133,788. Out of these collections and the provisions made in the earlier years for building repairs, a sum of Rs. 263,029 has been used for meeting the special repairs mentioned earlier in the report.

4. Investments:

Bank deposits have gone up by Rs. 309,500. As the Equity shares in some Companies had a high market value, it was decided to sell them and invest the proceeds in Government owned Companies yielding an interest of $14\frac{1}{2}\%$. Up to 30th September 1982, 10,000 shares in the Indian Aluminium Company of the face value of Rs. 10 each were sold with a profit of Rs. 75,000 and the proceeds were invested in the Indian Oil Corporation in October 1982.

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
(MISS) TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR 1-4-81 to 31-3-82		Current Half Year 1-4-82 to 30-9-82	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Departmental Results:				
Adyar Library ...	— 112,160		— 18,856	
Bhojanasala ...	— 29,264		— 14,890	
Consumer Stores ...	— 9,564		—	
Garden Department ...	— 48,051		— 29,264	
Maintenance Department ...	— 179,807		— 63,105	
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+ 48,554		+ 28,053	
Vasanta Press ...	— 53,250		— 57,421	
		383,542		155,483
Establishment and other Expenses:				
Bad debts ...	—		4,681	
Contribution to Schools ...	120,000		60,000	
Child Welfare Centre ...	6,860		5,006	
Circulars etc. to Gen. Secretaries ..	3,519		914	
Convention 1981 ...	1,628		—	
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	1,966		966	
Dispensary ...	19,348		8,151	
Estate Management ...	14,738		6,327	
Fire Insurance ...	2,501		802	
Headquarters Department ...	18,956		8,509	
Information and Public Relations Department ...	1,460		2,137	
Insurance Fund Administration ...	393		193	
Interest on Funds ...	6,173		3,261	
International Offices ...	69,554		33,227	
International Centre of Theosophical Studies ...	5,396		5,942	
Kotagiri Property Maintenance ...	4,492		1,465	
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	9,391		5,500	
Miscellaneous ...	7,650		3,435	
Motor Cars Maintenance ...	12,704		8,650	
Movable Properties Dept. ...	18,604		12,074	
Museum and Archives ...	6,219		3,025	
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	15,935		7,679	
Printing and Stationery ...	20,634		12,098	
P.F. Administration ...	1,455		715	
Retirement Allowance ...	25,636		13,290	
Sanitary Department ...	13,965		9,463	
Security Department ...	203,236		106,629	
Taxes ...	53,494		17,166	
Travelling & Conveyance ...	1,485		1,139	
		667,392		342,444
Provisions:				
For Gratuity ...	26,771		5,837	
For Building Maintenance ...	30,000		—	
		56,771		5,837
Depreciation:				
On Kotagiri Property ..	3,405		1,703	
On Immovable Property ...	94,324		47,962	
On Adyar Library Building ...	19,502		9,751	
On Film Projector, Air con- ditioner and Tape Recorder ...	1,796		1,790	
On Motor Vehicles ...	5,286		2,114	
On Movable Property ...	10,810		4,594	
		135,123		67,914
		1,242,828		571,678

ADYAR,
17th November 1982

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
(MISS) TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer

SOCIETY FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1982

INCOME				PREVIOUS YEAR 1-4-81 to 31-3-82	Current Half Year 1-4-82 to 30-9-82
				Rs.	Rs.
Adyar Newsletter	...	...	...	3,532	—
Donations	...	...	...	78,450	12,435
Fees and Dues	...	...	...	196,800	132,639
Interest	...	...	...	450,839	287,312
Licence Fee	...	...	...	36,000	18,000
Overhead Charges	...	...	...	11,056	3,642
Quarters Maintenance (Recoveries)	...	...	...	109,155	54,390
Sale of Vasanta Press Machinery (Surplus)	...	...	...	310,000	—
Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	...	...	46,996	63,260
				1,242,828	571,678

Examined and found correct.
FOR N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.
N. ANANTHANARAYANAN F.C.A., (Partner)

LIABILITIES		PREVIOUS YEAR 1-4-81 to 31-3-82		Current Half Year 1-4-82 to 30-9-82	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
General Fund:					
As per last Balance Sheet ...	6,320,141			6,629,769	
Add: Receipts during the year:					
Bequests ...	65,075			—	
Donations ...	46,672			2,757	
Surplus on disposal of Buildings and Lands ...	19,309			—	
Adyar Microfilm Fund Transfer ...	—			2,034	
Adyar Employees Fund Transfer ...	—			23,069	
Special purposes Fund Transfer ...	—			2,500	
Vasanta Press Retirement Allowance Reserve Transfer.	566			—	
Exchange Equalisation Fund Transfer	158,614			—	
Compound Wall Erection Fund Transfer	30,000			—	
Value of Books and Furniture for Adyar Library purchased from Government Grant	32,500			18,000	
Other Transfers ...	3,888			136	
	6,676,765			6,678,265	
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	46,996		6,629,769	63,260	6,615,005
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (b)	2,580,781			2,781,888	
John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund (b)	562,621		3,143,402	759,658	3,541,546
President's Travelling Fund: ...			46,962		46,213
Vice-President's Travelling Fund: ...			24,634		24,147
C/o			9,844,767		10,226,911

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30th SEPTEMBER 1982

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR 1-4-81 to 31-3-82		Current Half Year 1-4-82 to 30-9-82	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
FIXED ASSETS:				
Immovable Properties: (At Cost) (including lands at Urur) ...		184,735		184,735
Buildings at Adyar (At Cost) As per last Balance Sheet ...	3,260,422		3,331,892	
Additions ...	71,470		34,223	
	3,331,892		3,366,115	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	1,271,317		1,319,280	
		2,060,575		2,046,835
Adyar Library Building (At Cost) ...	780,070		780,070	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	244,612		254,363	
		535,458		525,707
Gulistan-Kotagiri (At Cost): Less: Depreciation to date ...	49,980 18,333		49,980 18,958	
		31,647		31,022
High Cliff—Kotagiri (At Cost) Less: Depreciation to date ...	56,237 5,623		56,237 6,326	
		50,614		49,911
Rose Windows-Kotagiri (At Cost): ... Less: Depreciation to date ...	30,000 6,000		30,000 6,375	
		24,000		23,625
Compound Wall under construction		68,519		118,192
Movable Properties at Adyar:				
Furniture & Fixtures, etc. (At Cost) Additions ...	253,614 1,124		254,738 —	
	254,738		254,738	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	193,481		198,075	
		61,257		56,663
Motor Cars (At Cost) Less: Depreciation to date ...	158,386 137,242		158,386 139,356	
		21,144		19,030
DEPARTMENTAL ASSETS:				
Adyar Library:				
Fixed Assets ...	296,422		321,145	
Current Assets ...	212,578		220,951	
		509,000		542,096
Bhojanasala:				
Fixed Assets ...	5,137		8,443	
Current Assets ...	7,510		4,948	
		12,647		13,391
Garden:				
Fixed Assets ...	85,323		94,470	
Current Assets ...	24,268		30,334	
		109,591		124,804
C/o		3,669,187		3,736,011

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR 1-4-81 to 31-3-82		Current Half Year 1-4-82 to 30-9-82	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f ...		9,844,767		10,226,911
Other Funds:				
(See Notes below)				
Miscellaneous Funds (a) ...		321,665		351,453
Miscellaneous Funds (c) ...		158,315		161,559
Miscellaneous Funds (d) ...		449,654		342,631
Adyar Library Funds and Reserves:				
Immovable Property at Juhu ...	28,500		28,000	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	21,724		16,724	
Government Grants ...	58,936		65,937	
Gratuity Reserve ...	22,673		23,245	
		131,833		133,906
T.P.H. Funds and Reserves:				
Reserves ...	418,415		419,789	
T.P.H. Investments Fund ...	230,000		230,000	
		648,415		649,789
T.P.H. Sundry Creditors ...		300,477		296,859
Vasanta Press:				
Machinery Dismantling & Assembling Reserve ...		4,929		—
Gratuity Reserve ...		278,875		263,616
Casuarina Development:				
Reserve ...		55,262		55,262
Sundry Creditors:				
Departments ...	46,664		25,670	
Others ...	65,262		231,110	
		111,926		256,780
Sundry Deposits ...		174,801		146,779
Outstanding Liability ...		30,542		31,834
<i>Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.</i>				
<i>(b) Interest only available for general purposes.</i>				
<i>(c) Interest only available for specific purposes.</i>				
<i>(d) Capital available for specific purposes</i>				
		12,511,461		12,917,379

ADYAR,
17th November, 1982

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
(MISS) TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30th SEPTEMBER 1982 (Contd.)

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR 1-4-81 to 31-3-82		Current Half Year 1-4-82 to 30-9-82	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f ...		3,669,187		3,736,011
Leadbeater Chambers:				
Fixed Assets ...	14,404		13,282	
Current Assets ...	2,277	16,681	725	14,007
Maintenance Department:				
Fixed Assets ...	100,587		131,180	
Current Assets ...	137,156	237,743	125,797	256,977
Theosophical Publishing House:				
Fixed Assets ...	13,698		12,875	
Current Assets ...	1,549,248	1,562,946	1,556,113	1,568,988
Vasanta Press:				
Fixed Assets ...	953,995		1,009,585	
Current Assets ...	276,009	1,230,004	241,681	1,251,266
Other Departments (Dispensary, Sanitary, etc.)				
Fixed Assets ...	20,259		19,590	
Current Assets ...	—	20,259	445	20,035
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Investments (At Cost)				
Government of India Loans ...	6,300		6,300	
Fixed Deposits ...	4,515,400		4,824,900	
Foreign Investments ...	340,933		340,933	
Miscellaneous Securities ...	381,125	5,243,758	281,675	5,453,808
Interest accrued but not received		70,077		121,070
Sundry Assets ...		10,194		29,708
Loans and Advances ...		64,049		65,386
Outstanding Income: ...		25,276		7,276
Security Deposit ...		3,970		3,970
Gratuity Advance: ...		12,960		10,950
Sundry Debtors (Considered good by Management)		14,285		39,309
Prepaid Expenses ...		5,844		3,118
Cash:				
In Madras Banks on Current and Savings accounts ...		301,997		309,834
In London Bank on Current Account ...		12,126		11,278
On hand ...		10,105		14,388
		12,511,461		12,917,379

Examined and found correct.
FOR N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.
N. ANANTHANARAYANAN, F.C.A., (Partner)

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020
REVISED BUDGET FOR 1982-83 AND BUDGET FOR 1983-84

EXPENDITURE	Actuals for 81-82	Revised Budget for 82-83	Budget for 83-84	INCOME	Actuals for 81-82	Revised Budget for 82-83
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Special Departments:				Special Departments:		
Adyar Library ...	152,328	146,800	151,900	Adyar Library ...	40,168	83,000
Bhojanasala ...	93,987	97,300	97,200	Bhojanasala ...	64,723	82,000
Garden Department ...	127,561	131,200	131,500	Garden Department ...	79,510	128,000
Leadbeater Chambers ...	—	—	—	Leadbeater Chambers ...	—	—
Maintenance Dept. ...	286,177	367,100	313,400	Maintenance Department ...	106,370	192,000
Theosophical Publishing House ...	289,582	286,300	289,600	Theosophical Publishing House ...	338,136	340,000
The Theosophist ...	142,743	124,600	125,600	The Theosophist ...	100,935	94,000
Vasanta Press ...	720,467	798,200	785,600	Vasanta Press ...	667,217	784,000
International Centre of Theosophical Studies ...	6,659	10,000	10,000	International Centre of Theosophical Studies ...	1,263	—
Adyar Newsletter ...	10,642	18,000	18,000	Adyar Newsletter ...	14,174	14,000
Bad Debts ...	—	1,000	500	Donations ...	78,450	20,000
Child Welfare Centre ...	6,860	10,000	10,000	Fees and Dues ...	196,799	180,000
Consumer Stores ...	9,563	—	—	Interest (Gross) ...	450,839	600,000
Convention ...	1,628	—	15,000	*Quarters Maintenance (Recoveries) ...	109,155	132,000
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	1,966	2,000	2,500	Overhead Charges ...	11,056	10,000
Dispensary ...	19,348	18,000	18,000	Licence Fee ...	36,000	36,000
Estate Management ...	14,738	14,000	14,500	Sale of Motor Car (Surplus)	—	—
Fire Insurance ...	2,501	2,500	2,500	Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	310,000	—
Headquarters Department ...	18,956	19,000	19,000	Add: Deficit on 'The Theosophist' ...	46,996	56,000
Information and Public Relations Department ...	1,460	3,000	3,000	Adyar Newsletter ...	41,808	30,000
Insurance Fund Administration ...	393	500	500	taken direct to T.P.H. Balance Sheet ...	—	4,000
International Offices ...	69,554	71,000	72,000			
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	6,173	6,000	6,000			
Kotagiri Property Maintenance ...	4,492	4,000	4,000			
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	9,391	10,000	10,000			
Miscellaneous ...	7,650	7,500	7,500			
Movable Properties Dept. ...	18,604	24,000	24,000			
Museum and Archives ...	6,219	7,000	5,000			
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	15,935	17,000	17,000			
Printing and Stationery ...	20,634	20,000	20,000			
Provident Fund Administration ...	1,455	1,500	1,500			
Publications to General Secretaries ...	3,519	3,500	3,500			
Retirement Allowances ...	25,636	25,600	25,600			
Sanitary Department ...	13,965	18,000	18,500			
Security Department ...	203,236	200,000	200,000			
Taxes ...	53,494	41,000	41,000			
Travelling & Conveyance ...	1,485	2,000	2,000			
Provisions:						
For Gratuity ...	26,771	12,000	15,000			
For Building Maintenance ...	30,000	100,000	120,000			
Depreciation on Assets ...	135,123	130,000	120,000			
Motor Cars Maintenance ...	12,704	10,000	10,000			
Contribution to Schools ...	120,000	30,000	30,000			
	2,693,599	2,789,600	2,760,900		2,693,599	2,789,600

I. ADYAR BESANT COMMEMORATIVE FUND INVESTMENTS

No.	Particulars	Amount Rs.
1.	10% Bank of India, Madras, Deposits	100,000
2.	10% Bank of Baroda, Madras, Deposit	100,000
3.	10% Punjab National Bank, Madras, Deposit	150,000
4.	10% Grindlays Bank, Madras, Deposits	312,000
5.	10% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	1,393,000
6.	9% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	320,000
7.	9½% Tamilnadu State Co-operative Bank Limited, Madras 600020, Deposits	15,000
8.	10½% - do -	80,000
9.	10½% Madras Central Co-operative Bank Ltd., Madras 600 020, Deposits	75,000
10.	14% Bharath Heavy Electricals Limited, New Delhi, Deposit	110,000
11.	4% Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Debenture Stock £ 3,000/-	52,500
Total ..		<u>2,707,500</u>

II. JOHN COATS ADYAR CENTENARY FUND INVESTMENTS

1.	10% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	521,000
2.	10% Grindlays Bank, Madras, Deposits	230,000
Total ...		<u>751,000</u>

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1982

	1981-82	Half year ended 30-9-82
	Rs.	Rs.
The Theosophical Society in Argentina	7,972	—
„ Australia	20,734	—
„ Austria	2,890	2,890
„ Belgium	4,309	3,776
„ Bolivia	498	93
„ Brazil	—	22,434
„ Bulgaria	—	—
„ Burma	—	—
„ Canada	1,642	—
„ Canadian Federation	416	—
„ Central America	1,141	56
„ Chile	1,800	—
„ Colombia	301	196
„ Cuba	—	—
„ Czechoslovakia	—	—
„ Denmark	—	—
„ East & Central Africa	1,380	577
„ England	1,569	9,465
„ Egypt	—	—
„ Finland	4,112	—
„ France	13,517	14,783
„ Germany	4,837	—
„ Greece	—	328
„ Hungary	—	—
„ Iceland	2,315	2,339
„ India	18,722	—
„ Indonesia	1,338	—
„ Ireland	474	—
„ Israel	—	—
„ Italy	5,571	6,942
„ Japan	—	—
„ Malaysia	—	—
„ Mexico	1,097	—
„ Netherlands	12,198	—
„ New Zealand	13,171	—
„ Northern Ireland	30	31
C/o	122,034	63,910

		1981-82	Half year ended 30-9-82
		Rs.	Rs.
B/f		122,034	63,910
The Theosophical Society in	Norway	1,251	—
"	Paraguay	—	—
"	Pakistan	—	—
"	Peru	—	—
"	Philippines	2,649	—
"	Poland	—	—
"	Portugal	1,210	594
"	Puerto Rico	—	—
"	Rumania	—	—
"	Russia	—	—
"	Scotland	—	—
"	Southern Africa	1,437	—
"	Spain	764	—
"	Sri Lanka	—	—
"	Sweden	2,157	1,782
"	Switzerland	5,788	2,989
"	U.S.A.	54,768	58,531
"	Uruguay	1,312	1,495
"	Venezuela	—	450
"	Vietnam	—	—
"	Wales	360	—
"	West Africa	—	1,311
"	Yugoslavia	630	—
Lodges attached to Adyar		1,518	—
Fellows-at-Large		922	1,577
Total		<u>196,800</u>	<u>132,639</u>

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HEADQUARTERS
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THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Only two new titles were published during the year.

1. *Basic Theosophy* by Geoffrey Hodson, based on his *Lecture Notes of the School of the Wisdom*, vol. 1.

2. An Adyar Edition of *Foundation of Esoteric Philosophy* by Miss Ianthe Hoskins, originally published by the T.P.H., London.

Reprints of nine books were also issued.

A set of books in an attractive presentation case was brought out in time for the Adyar Centenary Convention. These special Centenary editions are: *At the Feet of the Master*, *The Voice of the Silence*, *Light on the Path*—all as a set in an attractive box.

A deluxe edition of *The Light of Asia* by Sir Edwin Arnold was also brought out as a Centenary edition. *The Theosophic Life* by Annie Besant, as an

Adyar Centenary edition, was published as a single miniature vest-pocket edition.

The publication work was to some extent adversely affected by production being slowed down in the Vasanta Press because of the reorganization of the Press, which is not yet complete.

Efforts were made to clear accumulated stocks and for better sales promotion. There was a substantial increase in sales mainly due to increased exports. The increase in sales was only marginally due to higher prices because there was no general revision of prices, the increase being confined to new editions and reprints priced on the basis of increased cost of production.

C.R.N. Swamy
Editor

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

We had another year of useful activity in several areas of Library services.

A highlight was the celebration on 8 August 1982 of the 150th Birth Anniversary of the Library's Founder Col Olcott, attended by nearly 200 elite citizens and presided over by the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Mr Sadiq Ali. Mr D. M. Cochran, American Consul-General, and Mrs Radha Burnier spoke on the occasion. The large gathering was welcomed by Dr K. Kunjunni Raja, Director of the Library, and Mr Surendra Narayan, the International Vice-President, proposed a vote of thanks.

Another highlight was the release on 17 February of vols. 44-45 (1980-81) of *The Adyar Library Bulletin* issued as Dr K. Kunjunni Raja Felicitation Volume. It was released at a formal ceremony by Ven. Samdhong Rinpoche, Principal of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Saranath, U.P. The Library has 131 exchanges and 165 subscribers to the *Bulletin*.

We regret to record the demise of two valuable members of the staff during the year: Pandit K. T. Venkatarama Sarma who joined the Library in 1940 and had given faithful service in the Research Section till his death on 23 August 1982; Mr V. Natarajan who joined the staff in 1946 and gave his dedicated service until his death on 15 September.

Publications: With grants-in-aid from the Government of India, Ministry of Education, we are bringing out Descriptive Catalogues of Sanskrit and Tamil manuscripts in the Adyar Library as well

as reprinting several other rare Sanskrit works. Among these mention may be made of *Caturdasalaksani*, a classic text on Navya-Nyaya by Gadadhara with four commentaries; the *Yoga Upanishad* with a revised translation and *Dasopani-shads* (Ten Major Upanishads) with the Advaitic commentary of Upanishad Brahmayogin.

Services Rendered: During the year under report microfilms of 12 MSS, 131 vols of *New India*, 6 vols of *Commonweal* and one book were supplied to various institutions and research scholars. Photostat copies of 5 MSS and 2 books were supplied to scholars and institutions, while photostat copies of 116 frames were prepared for the Archives of the Theosophical Society. One microfilm of a palm leaf MS was made for the Library.

Works Used: The Library has 596 registered readers, 53 resident borrowers and 131 registered borrowers from the city of Madras. During the year 17,049 books and journals were consulted in the Reading Room, while 24,982 books were consulted by the Pandits in the Research Section. A total of 3,302 MSS were consulted in the Library, while 5,079 books and 9 MSS were loaned out.

Research Scholars: Several scholars including professors, lecturers and students from India and abroad utilized the Library's facilities for their research. Besides the research students working in the Library under the guidance of the Director, Dr K. Kunjunni Raja, and Dr A. G. Krishna Warriar, others were from: The Radhakrishnan Institute for Advanced

Studies in Philosophy, Kuppaswami Sastri Research Institute, and Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras; Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha and Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati; Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan; Oriental Institute, Baroda; French Institute, Pondicherry; International Institute of Tamil Studies; besides from other universities in India. Among overseas scholars mention may be made of Mr Gerard Colas, France; Prof Harold Coward, and Prof V.K. Chari, Canada; Mrs Jacqueline Hirst, U.K.; Dr Susan Oleksiev, Poland; Dr Charles White, American University, U.S.A.; Prof Patric Olivelle, Indiana Univ. U.S.A.; Prof Paul P. Reuben, California State Univ. U.S.A.; Prof James F. Kenney, Univ. of Arkansas, U.S.A.; Dr Nikolas Ulrine, Bachura Univ., Ratingen, West Germany; and Prof S. R. Swaminathan, College of St. Rose, Albany, U.S.A.

Repair and Preservation: Books and pamphlets (hardback or wrapper) numbering 646 were bound, and 96 books were repaired. 6 books and one MS were laminated. 9 MSS were cleaned and repaired. Fumigation and Ammonia gas treatment of books and MSS were done systematically.

Acquisition: During the year under report 2,176 books were added to the collection. Of these 247 were purchased with 60% aid from the Government of India, 31 were exchanges, 106 were review books and 1,139 were gifts.

Cataloguing Section: Books numbering 823 on various subjects and in various languages, Indian and foreign, were catalogued. Books worth Rs. 13,334, partly financed by a Grant-in-aid received from the Ministry of Education and Culture, Delhi, were purchased and catalogued. Some

reprints of rare or brittle books were also acquired. Duplicate books numbering 227 were added to the collection.

Grants in Aid: The Library records its grateful thanks to the Ministry of Education and Culture, Government of India, for Rs. 18,000 for the purchase of books and equipment; and Rs. 31,500 for the restoration of Sanskrit MSS from Tibetan versions. The Library has been recognized by the Government of India as a Centre for the Sastrachudamani Scheme, and Prof A. G. Krishna Warriar has been appointed as Honorary Professor with financial aid from the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Donations: The Library expresses its grateful thanks to the following for their donations: The Theosophical Society, Rs. 20,000; Mr Bhagawan Bhavani, Tanzania, Rs. 911.75; Miss Mary Anderson, Switzerland, Rs. 900; Mr C. B. McGraw, U.S.A., Rs. 1,000; and Mrs and Mr D. Gohil, Nairobi, Rs. 40.

Visitors: During the period under review, the Library had the pleasure of welcoming visitors from India and abroad. Special mention may be made of the following: Mr N. D. Gupta, Under Secretary, Dept. of Culture, India; Mr S. Parthasarathy, Member, Planning Commission, Tamil Nadu Government; Dr P. N. Kauthekar, Chairman, Central Sanskrit Board, Govt. of India; Mr J.L. Gera, Nehru Memorial Library, New Delhi; Dr Satyavrata Siddhantalankar, New Delhi; Sitanshu Yashaschandra, Chief Editor and Seetha Ramanathan, Asst Editor, Encyclopaedia of Indian Literature, Sahitya Academy; Prof Lokesh Chandra, New Delhi; Dr Brahmadata, General Editor, Oriental Institute, Baroda; Mr K. B. N. Singh,

Chief Justice of Madras High Court; and Mrs Shereen Ahmad, Director, District Library Authorities, Madras. Among visitors from abroad were: Dr Harold Coward, Dept of Religious Studies, University of Calgary, Canada; and Prof G.M. Bongard Levin, Vice President, International Association of Sanskrit Studies, Moscow.

Research Students: Consequent to the recognition of the Adyar Library and Research Centre by the Madras University in 1981, four scholars joined the Centre as students for their Ph D. They are working under the supervision of Dr K. Kunjunni Raja. Also Mrs K. Gita Pattabhiram and Mrs K. Jayammal have joined the Library as Honorary Professors in Sanskrit in August 1982 and are helping in the teaching and research section.

Life Membership: Three persons became Life Members.

Director's Overseas Travels: Dr K. Kunjunni Raja participated in the

International Seminar on Buddhist Epistemology and Logic at Oxford, August 16-18; later he participated in the Annual Conference of the Canadian Theosophists at Vancouver and the third International Seminar on 'Karma and Rebirth' at Calgary University. He was in the Humanity Section of Calgary University for more than a month and completed the editorial work on the *Encyclopaedia of Indian Philosophy* (volume on the Philosophy of Language). He visited also the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Pennsylvania and Columbia Universities, U.S.A., besides a number of universities and research institutes in Europe, meeting scholars and giving lectures. Wherever he went, scholars expressed to him their appreciation of the high standard of the work of the Adyar Library.

Lakshmi Narayanaswami
Librarian

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF THEOSOPHICAL STUDIES

The October-December 1981 term was inaugurated by the International Vice-President on October 2nd. He emphasized the value of a deep study of the theosophical principles and its application in daily living.

The study was directed towards the understanding of Man, his origin, nature and destiny and examined from the universal laws and principles. The reference material for this indepth study consisted of: *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *Man, God and Universe*, *Study in Consciousness* and *The Divine Plan*; and for the Path to Realization: Mystical and Occult Approaches, the texts used were—*The Sayings of the Ancient One*, *Practical Occultism*, *The Voice of the Silence*, *Light on the Path*, and *At the Feet of the Master*. The studies on *The Secret Doctrine* were built round *Foundations of Esoteric Philosophy* and *Madame Blavatsky on How to Study the Secret Doctrine*.

As an experimental measure the duration of the morning meditation was extended to 20 minutes and H.P.B.'s approach to meditation based on her diagram was the basis with a few introductory sessions on the techniques detailed in other books. All participants found these sessions very useful.

The afternoon sessions consisting of: an indepth exploration of Viveka based on Sankara's *Vivekachudamani*; and study of some Occult words in the theosophical literature by tracing the words to their roots, proved useful as a supplement to the study of Man.

Current trends in scientific thought and their relatedness to the ancient wisdom was considered based on David Bohm's book, *Wholeness and the Implicate Order*. Individual research papers covered the following themes: Ishwara Darshana or Self Realization; Self and its Renunciation related to the T. S. and Current Occult Explosion; Essential qualifications to tread the Path; Significance of the Word (Om); and Polarities.

The Centre presented Mrs Anne Bancroft, England, one evening for a public lecture on the 'Way of Zen'.

The students who attended these first-term sessions were representative—drawn from West Africa, Mauritius, Portugal, U.S.A. and India.

The II Term (January to March 1982) opened with a seminar on the 'Secret of Self-Realization' based on Dr Taimni's *Pratyabijnahrdya* and with parallel references drawn from *The Secret Doctrine* and current scientific findings. This and the study of the *Esoteric Writings of H. P. Blavatsky*, Sections 1-4, dealing with Magic and Occult Secrecy, were led by the Director and proved very useful.

During this term the Centre was fortunate to present some outstanding lecturers. Mr William Ross (USA), who gave 12 talks in February on: 'Man and his Levels of Awareness' (4 talks); Studies on *The Secret Doctrine* (4 lessons); Buddhism as a Civilization (3 classes); and *The Voice of the Silence* (1 class). The Centre also presented him at a public lecture on 'The Open Shutter'.

Mrs Caroline Ross in three afternoon Creative workshops presented 'Meditation in Action'.

Dr Robert S. Ellwood of the Dept. of Religions, Univ. of Southern Calif., gave five talks on 'Magic and Mysticism' giving a rationalistic and realistic approach to mystical experiences and the real meaning of 'Initiations'. His public lecture on 'A Theosophical View of Races' gave a new perspective to this very controversial question.

Taking advantage of the presence of Dr H. G. Coward, Head of the Dept. of Religions, Univ of Calgary, Canada, and Jt Editor of the Gramscian volume of the *Encyclopaedia of Indian Philosophy*, the Centre arranged a public lecture by him on 'The Meaning and Power of Mantras'.

There was also a two-day workshop by Miss Rosemary Stanks of the Univ. of Michigan on 'Being Conscious of Communication', an exploration into

the relationship between emotions and communications.

The Centre was fortunate once again to present Prof Samdhong Rinpoche, Head of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi, in a ten-day course on Mahayana Buddhist Meditation which drew a record registration of 85 students.

To conclude: The Centre had an intensive and useful period of work and it is felt that intensive courses on theosophical principles in addition to relating such studies to current trends in science and other fields attract real students.

The average attendance during the first term was 15 while during the second term it was 25.

Seetha Neelakantan
Director

THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

This department serves to focus the attention of members on Theosophy-Science, the activities concerning which are widespread in various National Sections and are important aspects of theosophical work in presenting Theosophy in the modern world.

Scientifically qualified members of the Theosophical Society are registered at Adyar. New additions have been made during the year and the revised list has been printed and mailed to all the 300 and more registered members as well as to the General Secretaries of National Sections along with the Theosophy-Science Report, 1981. This serves to promote the communication of theosophical research among individual members as well as of the various Science Groups in the National Sections.

The *Bulletin of Theosophy/Science* published from Adyar six times a year, has a wide circulation within and outside India.

At the International Convention at Varanasi (1981), Prof P. Krishnan gave the Science lecture on 'The Scientific approach to Truth'. Several educational institutions in India were addressed on the pragmatic approach of value synthesis in science, technology and religion and a seminar was also conducted in Rajpipla, Gujarat. The enrolment of life members of the

Science Group increased in response to the appeal for more finance and the extension of Science activities.

Theosophical Science activities in other parts of the world: The *Theosophical Research Institute Newsletter*, nos. 8 and 9, published from Wheaton, included Richard Silberstein's article on 'Research on the Etheric-structure of the Brain' and a list of new scientific books. Other activities of scientific interest from the American Section are seminars on therapeutic touch and other healing practices; publications such as *Ecoletter* of ecological interest and a *Theosophical Guide for Parents*; articles on the theosophical world-view from a scientific perspective in *The American Theosophist* and the Theosophic Studies Project of the Californian Institute of Integral Studies.

In England the Theosophical Research Centre resolved to suspend the Science Group from 13 March 1982. However the publication of the journal *Theosophy-Science* continues with articles of scientific interest. The scientific vindication of the *Occult Chemistry* has been highlighted with more publications.

The Centro Teosofico de Pesquisas Cientificas of Brazil continues to hold seminars on scientific subjects and publishes *Logos*.

A. Kannan

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1982

National Section (Active)	41					No. of	No. of
Presidential Agencies (Active)	4					Lodges	Members
Regional Associations formed under Rule 35 (c)	3						
Total Lodges	1,157						
Total Membership 1981	34,421						
Total Membership 1982	34,567						
	No. of	No. of					
	Lodges	Members					
1. Africa, East & Central	26	1,320 (1981)					
2. Africa South	9	351					
3. Africa West	—	—					
4. America Central	13	164					
5. Argentina	34	572					
6. Australia	12	1,159					
7. Austria	4	234					
8. Belgium	8	197					
9. Bolivia	3	31					
10. Brazil	38	887					
11. Burma	4	97					
12. Canada	11	280					
13. Canada (Federation)	8	92					
14. Chile	6	63					
15. Colombia	9	146					
16. Cuba	19	480					
17. Denmark	17	434					
18. England	82	2,186					
19. Finland	20	517					
20. France	38	1,388					
21. Germany, West	8	260					
22. Greece	7	286					
23. Iceland	11	375					
24. India	436	10,177					
25. Indonesia	21	792					
26. Ireland, N.	3	44					
27. Ireland, Rep. of	1	43 (1980)					
28. Italy	30	923					
29. Malaysia	2	60					
30. Mexico	25	359 (1980)					
31. Netherlands, The	24	865					
32. New Zealand	16	1,487					
33. Norway	7	102					
34. Pakistan	2	152 (1981)					
35. Philippines, The	14	218					
36. Portugal	12	363					
37. Puerto Rico	3	102 (1979)					
38. Scotland	7	105					
39. Spain	14	503					
40. Sri Lanka	7	114					
41. Sweden	8	288					
42. Switzerland	8	207 (1980)					
43. United States of America	79	5,367					
44. Uruguay	8	115					
45. Venezuela	1	56					
46. Wales	2	79					
47. Yugoslavia	7	218					
48. Lodges attached directly to Adyar							
Bangladesh	1	30					
Cameroon	1	36					
Hong Kong	1	14 (1979)					
Israel	2	49					
Japan	1	29					
Peru	5	58					
Singapore	1	48					
Suriname	1	8					
49. Fellows-at-Large		37					
Total	1,157	34,567					
Study Centres :							
United States of America	...	90					
Argentina	...	4					
Brazil	...	9					
Burma	...	2					
England	...	19					
India	...	23					
Italy	...	7					
Total		154					

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

The East African Section was busy during the January-February period in preparing for the meeting of the East African Council in Nairobi in December 1955. The East African Council is a body set up by the British, French, Italian, and Portuguese Governments in 1948 to coordinate their policies in East Africa. The Council's first meeting was held in London in 1948, and since then it has met annually. The Council's main function is to coordinate the policies of its members in East Africa, and to discuss and recommend measures for the development of the region. The Council's members are the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Portugal, and the Netherlands. The Council's secretariat is located in London.

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REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTIAL AGENTS, FEDERATION SECRETARIES, ETC.

The reports in some instances have been translated into English, edited or condensed in the office of the International Secretary.

Due to the personality of Mr. J. N. Abjola of Nigeria, who has been said to distribute Cereals Council Agents' Writings of Life in order to encourage and collect funds as well as to get the interests of the people of the country.

H. J. Smith

General Secretary

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

The East African Section was busy preparing for the Seventh Theosophical World Congress at Nairobi in December. In view of this fact, it was unanimously decided at the 31st Annual Convention of our Section at Nakuru not to hold the next Convention during Easter of 1982 as usual, and also to extend the term of office of the General Secretary until Easter 1983 when the election of Office-bearers and Executive Committee members would be held.

A second lodge called *Upendo* was formed at Mombasa and the Charter is shortly awaited.

Mr Reuben Thuku, National lecturer, travelled widely covering almost all the lodges in Tanzania, Kenya and Zambia. Besides addressing the public, he gave talks to members and also to students in schools, colleges and teachers' training centres. He also conducted study classes at many places.

The General Secretary and other key workers visited many lodges and gave talks to members and public.

Study classes and celebration of principal days in the theosophical calendar were the regular features in many lodges. A Workers' Training Class was conducted once a month by the Chairman of the Dar-es-Salaam lodge, Mr H. G. Devani, with ten regular participants.

The Chairman's monthly Gujarati letters continued to be sent to all the lodges as well as to the members of the

Executive Committee and the regional advisory committee of Kenya and Zambia. The Section's annual journal, *Theosophical Light*, was not published since there was no Convention, but work was in progress to bring out a souvenir at the time of the World Congress.

Book sales continued to be restricted owing to shortage of foreign exchange.

Mr R. H. Patel was appointed Director of the T.O.S. in place of Mrs M. E. Earnshaw who left for permanent residence in England during the year. The T.O.S. continues its activity in helping the needy and poor, individually and through voluntary institutions. Free medical treatment—Homeopathic and Ayurvedic—are given by some of the members.

Other allied activities included monthly healing group ceremony at Dar-es-Salaam; group meditation at several lodges; Yoga Asana classes in Nairobi and Bharat Samaj Puja in some lodges.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr A. N. Abdulla of Nairobi lodge, we have been able to distribute Clara Codd's *Ageless Wisdom of Life* to libraries in schools and colleges in Kenya as well as to others interested in the tenets of Theosophy.

Nine of our members passed on to Eternal Light during the year.

H. D. Shah

General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTH

The state of the lodges in our Section remain the same except the one at Bulawayo which is not functioning. The others are still managing to keep up the good work in spreading Theosophy. The Pretoria lodge, in particular, is making a really good effort to increase its membership and activities. Efforts are under way to activate the two dormant lodges.

As the Zimbabwean (Rhodesian) Government has changed the names of several towns, Salisbury lodge is now called Harare lodge. Enquiries are being made related to its charter. Membership in Cape Town lodge appears to be fairly strong, but there has been very little communication from there during the year.

Four members from the Section plan to attend the World Congress at Nairobi.

It is planned to hold the 1983

Convention in Pretoria, and the theme chosen is 'The Unity of Life'. The National Constitution has been revised and will go to the press shortly. The financial position of the Section is relatively sound.

Due to economic conditions such as the high price of petrol and the economising of public transport, as well as the advent of television, our theosophical audiences are not as large as we would like them to be. However, when there is a good speaker, our halls are filled to capacity.

There is much work that needs to be done in our country. In my view, the greatest obstacles we have here are the orthodox churches, but in spite of this, there are many feverishly seeking for the Truth.

Arthur Bunton
General Secretary

AMERICA, CENTRAL

In spite of the political and economic difficulties the lodges in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica carry on their activities. Many members cannot afford to pay their dues.

In Guatemala, *Arca El Cordero Blanco* lodge with a large membership meets twice a week. *Kuthumi* and *Gnosis* branches have only a small membership but they meet regularly.

Teoti and *Blavatsky* lodges in El Salvador carry on regular programmes and the attendance is large. *Teoti* held 40 meetings during the year. In Nicaragua, *Pratibha* and *Blavatsky* lodges meet once a month and the work is carried on very well. *Blavatsky* branch holds also two meetings a

month for new members. It has brought out a brochure called *Fraternidad*. A reference library and book-sales section are some of its new features.

The *Annie Besant* Youth Lodge (*Juventud Teosofica Annie Besant*) with a provisional constitution has been recently inaugurated.

In Costa Rica, the four lodges—*Dharma*, *Shakti*, *Virya* and *K.H.*—meet regularly but face the same economic problems.

Luz lodge in Panama has not sent any report of its activities for a long time.

Julio Martinez Santos
General Secretary

ARGENTINA

This report covers a period of only nine months, as our official year now begins on 1st October instead of from 1st January. Yet, much work has been performed all over the Section.

Our Education Department has been busy preparing teaching material, especially for the several study groups that attended the twentieth Summer School. Report of the study groups was published in our newsletter, *Informative Theosofico*. A study guide on *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett* compiled by Olive Dutta and Adam Warcup, and edited by the English Section has just been translated. The teaching materials compiled by our Education Department has been well received by lodges and members in the Section. A full set of this material has also been presented to every Spanish-speaking section.

The Audio-visual team has doubled the sets of slides on theosophical topics for distribution to groups in and outside Argentina. Cassettes of lectures to members and public are also made available for sale. Letters to new members are sent regularly. Correspondence courses are mailed to persons interested in theosophical teachings as well as to members living in far off places.

The publishing department jointly with the Inter-American Theosophical Federation brought out *Glimpses into the Psychology of Yoga* by I. K. Taimni. New editions, either printed or in the press, include *Towards the Temple (In the Outer Court)*, and *The Path of Discipleship* by Annie Besant, *At the Feet of the Master*, and *The Seven Rays* by E. Wood. It is planned to

bring out a new edition of *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett* in six booklets, one every two months, each including a correspondent study guide. We have approached the Non-English Publications Fund for help in this project.

The radio programme continues regularly. In the last few months, members of the *Annie Besant* lodge in San Rafael have arranged a new long-term programme to be broadcast over the Radio Municipal.

Despite the economic crisis in the country we were able to sell a great deal of theosophical books and cassettes.

The Section bought a computer for efficient functioning of the accounts, membership, publication and other departments.

There is good progress in the development of the Theosophical Colony in San Rafael-Mendoza. The first building has been completed and several more are under construction. With financial aid from the Section and generous grants from members, three new buildings have been purchased for theosophical work in Cordoba, Villa Carlos Paz and San Lorenzo.

Rising costs and inflation have forced the Inter-American Theosophical Federation to discontinue publication of its magazine *America Theosofica*, which for ten years has been a strong link among the Spanish-speaking countries in America. Our newsletter *Informativo Theosofico*, will therefore become a Section magazine from the next issue.

The General Secretary visited several lodges in Argentina and spoke to the

members and public. A greater interest in our teachings is noticeable among the public. We think the time has come for us to double our efforts so that people may know the great laws and teachings that are found in the theosophical literature. It is when facing difficulties that man is more inclined to raise his thoughts towards spiritual values.

In conclusion, we record our grateful thanks to all those members who in many ways have given their cooperation and voluntary labour to make our work a success. The new year will surely be full of many new chances of service. Let us try to make use of them.

Juan Carlos Palmeri
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

We had a successful year of activity registering steady growth in several fields. Our libraries, bookshops and tape libraries are doing well and obviously fulfil a human need.

The membership now stands at 1,159, a decrease of 29 over last year. We have lost by death several long-standing and dedicated members, among whom, were Pearl Lyttle, founding member of Newcastle lodge; Enid Lorimar, well-known actress and for many years national lecturer in England and Australia; Elfreda Kingsford-Smith of Brisbane; Emily Hynes, member for over 59 years; and Hay Hort.

Our correspondence course is an important educational activity and has been taken this year by 21 non-members. We send out an average of 140 letters a month to new members.

The annual convention held in Perth in January was attended by nearly 50 members from other states and several from Indonesia and New Zealand. There were three guest speakers, all from the United States: Mr and Mrs Will and Caroline Ross

and Dr Stephan A. Hoeller. It was a successful and fraternal gathering thanks to the efficient organization by the Perth members.

Dudley Gower was appointed National Lecturer and Mrs Elaine Murdoch editor of *Theosophy in Australia*. Miss Ianthe Hoskins was confirmed as the Guest Speaker at the 1983 Convention to be held in May.

The Orientation Course consisting of four one-hour sessions on basic Theosophy was given by the General Secretary in several more lodges during the year. The National Lecturer, Dudley Gower, lectured in many lodges in the Sections besides a visit to New Zealand in March. Amongst his many interesting talks to the *Blavatsky* lodge, special mention may be made of two: 'Nova Colonia' (The Sixth Root Race Colony in California) and 'The Science of Life: Effect of Rupert Sheldrake's theory on Theosophy.' Lecture tours were also arranged for Mr and Mrs Ross and Dr Hoeller.

Theosophy in Australia was published regularly and has maintained its high standards. A special issue on the

Western Esoteric Tradition was brought out in June.

Most of our lodges have been active holding regular programmes, study classes, workshops and seminars. The Perth lodge reports of over a hundred nonmembers joining the library. Adelaide had varied programmes and the General Secretary reports that 'it is a lodge where the spirit of true Theosophy seems to be very much alive'. It has a flourishing Round Table group. Melbourne has activities on six days of the week, nearly all open to the public; it also provides a cafeteria service to members and public alike, thus giving scope for advertising all theosophical activities. Hobart lodge was revived in July. Canberra has reintroduced monthly members' meetings for indepth study. *Blavatsky* lodge, Sydney, has introduced as a new development, some evening lectures as 'Forums' on a range of theosophical subjects. These have drawn large and interested audiences indicating the need for straight theosophy presented in an interesting manner.

The Section, as a new experiment, encouraged the formation of 'groups' attached to nearby well-established lodges. *Blavatsky* lodge helps the Gosford group besides two in Sydney itself; jointly with the Melbourne lodge it helps the Albury group.

Services to lodges and members are: Updating the Resource Catalogue; Study Courses for which there is a steady demand and a new addition is the *Blavatsky* lodge Meditation Course No. 3; a Telex copyette fast cassette copier has been acquired, expanding the tape library and meeting the growing demand. Amongst publicity leaflets supplied to branches the one on *Life After Death* was revised to include

near-death experiences, etc.

Contact letters, besides being sent to branch presidents and members of the council, are also mailed to national members to keep them in touch with the Section and branch activities.

An important event during the year was the visit of H.H. the Dalai Lama to Australia. The General Secretary participated in an inter-faith meeting representing the Society in Australia.

Bookshops functioning in the main branches, report increased sales and are one of the best methods of contacting the general public. Melbourne reports of 'enormous' growth and being well stocked, it makes it possible to meet the needs of the inquirers.

The Quest Book Agency's business with bookshops throughout Australia has increased. Besides Quest books, it handles nineteen other publishers.

Theosophical Order of Service: As a member of the 'Austcare' the T. O. S. is able to improve the assistance given to Indo-Chinese refugees. Homes for elderly members are maintained by Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne lodges. The groups in the lodges are active in various welfare schemes such as relief and rehabilitation work, fund-raising for several projects, antivivisection, vegetarianism, conservation of trees, etc. besides supporting the work of the U. N. and its allied groups.

The General Secretary, concluding this report, writes that 'the Society like Australia itself has strength and virility and will meet the challenge of the future by merging all that which is important in its work into the pattern of the changing life flow'.

Jack G. Patterson
General Secretary

AUSTRIA

The year 1982 marked the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Austrian Section on 12 November 1912. I myself joined in 1922 and since then associated with the work of the Section.

After the Second World War in 1945, Dr Norbert Lauppert and myself re-established T. S. lodges in Graz and Vienna. In 1946 a lodge was founded in Linz and in 1975 another in Dornbirn. Thus there are now four active lodges in Austria with 234 members. Many of our members are rather old and we are missing the younger generation, which is attached to other groups.

The Summer School held in September in Pichl, was a fine and harmonious gathering, attended by members from West Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and Italy besides a few from overseas. At the Headquarters in Graz and Vienna since 1948, regular lectures and discussions are organized and the libraries are well used. Nearly every

day in Graz we have a meeting or study group, sometimes also programmes of music or poetry.

The publishing house under the charge of Dr Lauppert and his wife is very active and many books are published in German. The third volume of *The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett* is in the press.

Some of our members are active in the work of the Theosophical Order of Service and in Peace-movements. I myself am active in Vegetarianism, Anti-Vivisection and Animal Welfare movements. Active as organizer of the T. O. S. since 1961, I met many of our members at the 26th World Congress in Ulm, Germany, last July.

The interest in Theosophy in Austria is increasing and theosophical ideas are incorporated in broadcasting and university lectures. I have tried to bring Theosophy to the university in Graz.

Julius Fleischanderl
General Secretary

BELGIUM

The activity in the eight branches—4 in Brussels and 4 in the provinces—remained similar to that of the preceding year. 'All the work was done with enthusiasm and in an outstandingly fraternal spirit.' Antwerp lodge was however handicapped by the illness of its President.

Four of the eight active lodges are in Brussels. There was a slight drop in membership from 207 to 197.

Lodges in Brussels held two study courses, one on Theosophy and the other on Astrology. The study of *Yoga-Sutras* of Patanjali and the philosophy of Krishnamurti, arranged by two study groups were all attended. Weekly public lectures had an average attendance of 41. The work in provincial lodges consisted mainly of lectures for members and sympathizers. There was an increase in the library

usage as well as sale of theosophical books.

The T.O.S. was active mainly in Liege, where its principal work has been collecting clothes for the needy

countries, and money whenever possible to help various philanthropic organizations.

Ch. Lallemand

General Secretary

BRAZIL

A highlight of the year was the third Summer School held at Belo Horizonte, 18-24 January 1982, attended by nearly 80 members from various lodges. Every aspect of lodge work such as meaning of a lodge, harmonization of its work with the main objects of the Society, was explored under the theme 'The Theosophical Lodge'. The week-long get-together proved very successful and of great value for future work as there was a good interchange of ideas and discussion of problems and plans in a brotherly environment.

The following books were published: *The Ultimate Reality and Realization* of I. K. Taimni was published by a private company. Editora O Pensamento has reprinted *The Hidden Side of Things* and *Clairvoyance* of C.W. Leadbeater, and *Brotherhood of Angels and Men* of G. Hodson. The magazine *O Theosofista* was published regularly. The Cultural Department brings out

Logos, magazine of the Theosophical Research Centre. *Semente*, journal of the Brazilian Federation of Young Theosophists, is popular among members, young and old, as well as the general public.

The Cultural Department of the T. S. organized at the Raja Centre several meetings and seminars for various lodges in the Section. Lecturers travelled to the south, centre and north-east parts of the country delivering lectures and conducting seminars to spread the theosophical teachings.

While the number of lodges remain 38, study groups are growing and their activities are improving. There was a slight drop in active membership from 898 to 887. The Section is making every effort to organize new study groups and assist lodges in improving their work.

Murillo Nunes de Azevedo
General Secretary

BURMA

The Section is comprised of seven Lodges with a total membership of 97, a decrease of 16 during the year.

Our premier lodge, the *Olcott* lodge in Rangoon, continued its twice weekly study and meditation classes (on Saturday and Sunday afternoons). Group meditation for peace, started in 1975, also continues thrice a week. Theosophical days of remembrance as well as Vaisakh and Asala festivals were celebrated with enthusiasm. The lodge premises were repaired and repainted and old photographs replaced with beautiful oil paintings. The library was active in serving members and non-members. Dr Daw Win Kyi, President of the *Olcott* lodge, and a source of inspiration and driving force, left for Singapore.

The Youth lodge in Rangoon suffered due to the transfer from the city of several of its active young members. Extensive repairs were also carried out

on the premises, and efforts are being made to hold regular meetings.

The book depot could not do much useful work because of the Foreign Exchange Regulations. The Society's land in Thingungyun, although adjudicated in our favour, is still occupied by squatters. Several members have joined to reactivate the Burma Humanitarian League which was dormant following the demise of U San Hla, its General Secretary in 1966.

We hope that our more dynamic younger members will be able to continue the theosophical work and promote brotherly love, tolerance and service. As we all are aware, the first and last word of Theosophy is the spirit of Brotherhood. Let us work in the spirit of our founder's wise instructions in 'The Golden Stairs' for peace and goodwill throughout the world.

U Maung Gyi
General Secretary

CANADA

The Canadian Section frequently welcomes visiting members from all over the theosophical world. In the past year we were particularly pleased that the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, could accept our invitation to tour the Canadian centres. She was the Guest of Honour at the 1981 Annual Meeting held in Toronto. Her itinerary included brief stopovers in Montreal, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

In September 1981, the well-known international lecturer Will Ross, accompanied by his wife, Caroline, toured British Columbia and Alberta. In addition to public lectures, he also conducted workshops in Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

The General Secretary visited several branches. He was at the Krotona School of Theosophy in April as a guest lecturer giving a series of lectures on 'The Mysteries'.

The Section magazine, *The Canadian Theosophist*, continues to be the main link with members and is published bimonthly despite mounting costs. The subscription to the journal as well as the membership dues was raised during the year.

Home study course continues to be useful to members living far from branches and study centres. The tape library service, offering recorded lectures on free loan to members, is popular especially with members-at-large.

Based on a survey among members, the Section is implementing a number of suggestions for utilization of a donation received last year and specifically earmarked for promotion of Theosophy. These include the production of a video programme, publication of new pamphlets, lecture tours, placing of theosophical books on consignment in bookstores, and encouraging lodges to establish satellite study centres in city suburbs. This is only a start, and other projects will be added from time to time.

The Lizzie Arthur Russell Theosophical Memorial Trust, outcome of a bequest to the Edmonton lodge, will greatly help the work of the Society not only in Edmonton, but in Western Canada generally. Among the projects planned are university scholarships, publication of theosophical writings by Canadian authors, public lectures, distribution of audio-visual material and

the sale or distribution of theosophical literature.

Efforts are being made to collect and preserve historical material pertaining to the Theosophical Society in Canada, especially related to the early members who were active in the fields of arts and letters. The Section's archives are often void of key documents which are in demand by scholars and research fellows. Already some gaps have been filled with the help of older members.

It is worth recalling that nearly a hundred years ago, H. P. Blavatsky wrote of the high purpose behind the Society as providing a common platform for all to stand upon embodying 'virtue, morality, brotherly love, and kind sympathy with every living creature, whether human or animal'. Easy enough to quote, enormously difficult to put into practice. Yet the ideals behind these words have attracted many fine minds to the Society over the years. Their sincere efforts may not have succeeded in making the organization worthy of these lofty qualities yet they have not entirely failed. As it approaches its 108th Anniversary, the Society continues to be the organization which will 'lift high the torch of liberty of the soul of Truth that all may see it and benefit by its light'.

Ted G. Davy
General Secretary

CHILE

The work in our Section is growing and several measures were taken during the last year to increase and improve our activities. Theosophical activities are carried on in the two principal cities—Santiago and Valparaiso.

There are four lodges in Santiago which hold weekly meetings. A study course on basic Theosophy is presented, which is also open to the public. Interest in theosophy is increasing and during the year we had a net increase of eight in our membership. A monthly bulletin carried news of meetings and other activities besides articles. Theosophical events and messages are also broadcast over Radio Portales, a

powerful station, reaching audiences in even neighbouring countries like Argentina.

The lodge in Valparaiso has been renovated and enlarged, thus enabling us in a greater measure to receive members and the public at our functions. The bookshops and libraries in both Santiago and Valparaiso registered increased sales and attendance.

The annual convention, held in Santiago in July, was well attended and proved a success.

Mauricio Froimovich
General Secretary

COLOMBIA

During the year under report work had gone on steadily with special attention directed towards members to understand the theosophical teachings, to realize the importance of membership in the Society and the need to spread the message of Theosophy to help man to lead a meaningful life and to awaken him spiritually. Weekly public lectures, special seminars and study were organized in the lodges regularly.

Selección Teosofica, our journal, is now published every month and contains, besides original articles by the General Secretary, translations of selected articles from *The Theosophist* and other theosophical journals.

Translations of more than twenty theosophical books have gone out of print and there is a great need to reprint these. Among these are those of N. Sri Ram, I. K. Taimni, besides two by the General Secretary—*Teosofia Basica Aplicada* and *El Camino Ascendente*.

During the year the Section suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs Julia de Ballesteros, wife of the General Secretary and a long standing member with more than fifty years of devoted and valuable service to the Section. She inspired all with her work and life.

Walter Ballesteros
General Secretary

CUBA

The Cuban Section is working with the same enthusiasm and fraternal spirit and, though a small nucleus, give its best to the Great Cause of the Masters. The year ended with 19 active lodges and 480 members—a decrease of 21 members during the year.

The official organ *Revista Teosofia Cubana* is being published regularly. Dr Dana Cruz-Bustillo's translation of Dr Taimni's *Gayatri* is being serialized in the magazine.

By a resolution at our last national convention held in January 1982, September 22 is being celebrated as the Cuban Theosophist Day by a special public function to commemorate the issue (by Adyar) of the first two diplomas to Cuban Theosophists in 1896. The theme of this 77th Convention was 'The Doctrine of Reincarnation'. Three symposia dis-

cussed 'Language and Myth', 'The Religious Point of View: East and West' and 'New Horizons in Science, Psychology and Philosophy'. As per rules the meetings of the Board of Directors and Administration took place during the Convention and various officers appointed.

Theosophical days such as White Lotus Day, Adyar Day, etc. were celebrated with enthusiasm. With the object of promoting fraternal relations among the members of the Section we continue the monthly interlodges meetings at which speakers discuss varied theosophical and allied topics. The programme in individual lodges includes study of theosophical books or themes besides public lectures.

Dr. Lelia Fernandez Pagola
General Secretary

DENMARK

An event of importance in the Section during the year was the official opening on 31 August of the newly established Centre in the heart of Copenhagen. This has led to the launching of extensive activity covering a wide field. One Tuesdays and Saturdays public lectures are arranged and occasionally guest lecturers from related movements participate. Regular study classes, including one devoted to *The Secret Doctrine*, form a regular feature of the programme at the Centre. Several lodges use the Centre for their regular meetings.

The study-seminar on 'Theosophy and Esoteric Philosophy' arranged in July on the Hjarna island and attended by sixty members was a tremendous success and it is planned to have a two-weeks' session in 1983.

During the year three new lodges—at Aarhus, Copenhagen, and Sore—were formed and 122 new members joined the Society. In March, Mrs Marion Bennis was elected as the General Secretary.

It has been a busy year and the work in the lodges, sales in the bookshop at the new Centre as well as the use

of the library have increased. There is an increasing interest in Theosophy but it is necessary to present the Ageless Wisdom in a modern 'language'. We do hope more members will be willing to give a helping hand in spreading the

light of Theosophy to those 'who just wait for the meaning and inspiration Theosophy can add to their lives.'

Marion Bennis
General Secretary

ENGLAND

During the year under report the high standard of work of the Section was maintained and although at the end of September the number of incoming members was 377, it was offset by a large number of lapsings, resignations and deaths totalling 359. The membership as on 30 September 1982 is 2,196, with a net increase of only 18.

There was a marked increase in the number of inquiries resulting from the stepping up of publicity by advertising in more serious newspapers and magazines. There has also been steady increase in attendance at our public lectures. Seminars, study days and residential weekends have been held throughout the year. Most of these were well attended.

The Section has acquired a fast-copying cassette machine and sales of cassettes have risen considerably. There is a slow but steady demand for cassette tapes of certain lectures loaned out from the library. More books on Theosophy were borrowed than any others but those on Western Occultism and Comparative Religion were also in popular demand. About 90 new books were added to the library during the year. The British Library borrows from our library works which are unavailable elsewhere.

The T.P.H. had a more profitable year reprinting *The Search Within* by

Christmas Humphreys. In June a special appeal was made to help build up capital for the purpose of publishing again.

Mr Will Ross (U.S.A.) was the Guest Speaker at the Annual Convention, 12-13 June, in Harrogate. A display of old photos of early conventions, including one presided over by Colonel Olcott, attracted some interest. Mr Ross toured the Section from May to August inspiring members with his lively but scholarly approach. He was also the Guest Speaker at the English-speaking Region Summer School at High Leigh in August.

The Inquiry Room at Headquarters was open throughout the year and catered to visitors from nearly 36 countries, as far as Australia, Israel and New Zealand.

We were fortunate in being offered the manuscript of a small pamphlet on Buddhism as revealed in *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett* with a foreword by Christmas Humphreys. This has been printed and is now selling well. In July an interesting Book Exhibition was arranged at Headquarters when author-members were invited to speak and autograph their books. A fine display of books was set up.

Tekels Park had an excellent year with most weekends booked regularly by theosophical as well as other

groups. Two lively discussion camps were held in May and August, under the respective leadership of Mrs Caroline Ross and Mr David Best. A European camp is planned for 1983. To help the Estate, an organization called 'Friends of Tekels Park' was formed, with the object of keeping members and friends informed of activities in the Park and also to build up a fund to

purchase special items needed or to organize get-together activities.

The year under review has been a full and busy one with increased interest in Theosophy—many young people are searching widely but are reluctant to link themselves with one Society.

Marion E. Caws
General Secretary

FINLAND

The Finnish Section founded in 1907 celebrated its 75th Anniversary in November 1982. It is notable that it has been possible for the Section to continue its activities without any break in peace and war times. An anthology of articles by Finnish writers on 'The Problem of Enlightenment', was published to commemorate the jubilee.

Our Magazine *Teosofi* continues to be published ten times a year. *Elopyora* also comes out twice a year. The reprinting of *Man, Visible and Invisible* by C. W. Leadbeater is under way with aid from the Non-English Publication Fund.

The pattern of work during the year under review remained generally the same as in earlier years. Events deserving special mention are: a twenty minute television broadcast in the series 'The Goal of Man' in April, and a seven-day study course on Meditation at Kreivila conducted by Mr Curt Berg from Sweden who was the only guest speaker this year. International contacts have been maintained by members. Eight members visited the Naarden Centre in Holland and one attended the Pays Latin Summer School in Switzerland. Another went to the Krotona

Institute in September 1982—the third from Finland since September 1981.

One cannot help mentioning that the gatherings at Kreivila during summer enjoyed very much the lake house (Sauna) life and especially the mock plays on gurus and disciples improvised by witty members.

At headquarters, the regular programmes for public and members have been maintained. Public lectures were given in 13 places. The Annual Convention was held in Helsinki during Easter. The traditional long Summer School was at Kreivila with the keynote 'Life is Renewal'.

Reports from lodges indicate that a good deal of valuable work is done by a few members and in two lodges even through summer time. Long distances account for some of the difficulties experienced in the exchange of lecturers.

Membership stands at about 500. Mr. Eino Vuorinen, one of our dedicated old members, passed away during the year under report. He was an exemplary Theosophist whose memory will long serve as an inspiration for his successors.

Sirkka Kivilinna
General Secretary

FRANCE

The membership of the French Section increased slightly this year. Many young people are interested and we hope they will understand and be active in our Section.

We had many activities at our headquarters, including public lectures, study courses, meetings of the branches, besides a seminar in February. The branches in the provinces are generally active and lectures are attended by members as well as non-members, who thus get introduced to Theosophy. The General Secretary visited several branches. The seminar in Brittany, arranged in May by Litavia branch, was very successful with participants from several branches. It is proposed to have a similar one in May 1983.

At the Annual Convention held on 17 & 18 April, a public lecture was given by Mrs Van der Hetch, the Vice President of the European Federation. A Convention-eve dinner meeting was organized for branch presidents or their representatives to discuss about the

work and some of the problems. It was a worth-while meeting and we plan to hold a similar meeting before the next Convention.

The magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* continues to be the official organ of the Belgian, Swiss and French Sections, with an average circulation of 1,750 a month.

Editions Adyar, our publishing house, was busy with reprinting many books. With the help of the Non-English Publication Fund some new books were also published. All printings are done on our own machines bought last year and some retired members help in this work. We also printed some books of Powell, Leadbeater and Annie Besant for our members and customers. Our team of workers is growing in numbers, slowly but surely.

Last summer the General Secretary spent a few weeks in the U. S. A. and also Montreal, Canada.

Francoise Caracostea
General Secretary

GERMANY, WEST

The work of our Section during the year under report was gravely handicapped by the passing away of our Recording Secretary shortly after his re-election last year. He was most experienced in the history of our Section, which was founded 80 years ago.

The forthcoming centenary celebration in Adyar gave us an occasion to draw up a diagram showing

the organization of our Society from the President up to the single member in the shape of a tree from the trunk to its top. This diagram was specially drafted for the German Section, but it could easily be adopted by other Sections.

In consequence of the 'resignation' of one lodge in Dortmund, which is lacking in understanding the international character of our Society, we

had to face difficulties and loss of members; the latter, however, having been nearly balanced by new members. In the southern part of our country, special attention has been directed towards intensification of contact among single members; new forms of studies and doing the work have been started in different parts.

There is an amazing request for information material on Theosophy. Therefore, pamphlets had to be reprinted, and a new information leaflet

was issued. Our magazine *Adyar* continues to be popular even among nonmembers and the number of such subscribers has increased; it is one of our most valuable sources of information about Theosophy.

This year our Treasurer, Mrs Anneliese Stephan, spent once again several months studying at the School of Theosophy, Krotona.

Gerda Höfer
General Secretary

GREECE

Our various activities are regularly carried on. Our magazine *Illis* is published regularly every two months. The circulation is 3,300 and it continues to be our main contact with the public in propagating our principles.

There are five lodges in Athens and one in Thessaloniki and one in Volos. The membership as on 30 September 1982 is 286.

C. Melissaropoulous
General Secretary

ICELAND

The work in Iceland last year has been very similar to what it was in previous years.

Forty-two meetings were held at the headquarters, many of them being mostly 'inner' or members' meetings. Public lectures were few. The lodges in Akureyri, Hafnarfjörður and Kopavogur met regularly and the programmes consisted of meditation classes once a week, and Hathayoga, two days a week.

At the Annual Convention held in May, Mr Birgir Bjarnason retired as General Secretary and he was succeeded by Mr Orn August Gudmundsson.

Two Summer Schools were held one in June, 23-27, at Flúor in the south of Iceland and the other during September, 24-26, at Akureyri in the north. There were 70-80 persons attending both with 11 members lecturing and leading the discussions.

The newsletter *Mundiðfari* was sent out four times, and the official magazine *Gangleri* was published twice during the year.

Much work was done last year for the maintenance of the headquarters building in Reykjavík.

The number of our paying members have been going down for several

years and those actively working for the Society are very few. This must be changed because we need all the

manpower we can get if the Society is going to be the instrument it was meant to be.

Orn August Gudmundsson
General Secretary

INDIA

A highlight of the year was the hosting of the 106th International Convention of the Theosophical Society. The President, the Vice President and the delegates expressed their sense of happiness over the arrangements and the success of the Convention. Addressing the Indian Section Convention held at the same time, the President exhorted the members to work together for the revival of ethical and spiritual values. 'The Theosophical Society is the training ground to teach us as to how to cooperate, to forget our petty interests and opinions for the sake of a great cause. I think we must set an example of a willing comradeship and cooperation,' she said.

The Section published during the year *Theosophy Explained in Questions and Answers* by Pavri and an *English-Hindi Glossary of Theosophical Terms* prepared by the well-known scholar and member, Thakur Jaideva Singh. The demand for the former is unabated while the latter will help to establish a correct theosophical vocabulary for translation.

Under a new scheme called 'Brotherhood Immortal', two booklets, *To Those Who Mourn* and *Death and After*, were mailed to 200 bereaved families, irrespective of whether they are members or not, as they answer vital questions relating to death and may prove a solace in their bereavement. An

illustrated pamphlet on the Varanasi Headquarters was also published.

Apart from the many study camps held at various lodges in different Federations and the annual study camp held at Adyar in May, the Indian Section sponsored two Workers' Training and Study Camps at Bhowali and Varanasi.

Dr A. Kannan and Prof H.E. Hakim, as National Lecturers, undertook several lecture tours addressing the public, students and staff at colleges, besides conducting several short duration camps. Dr Kannan's scientific background combined with his philosophical approach was specially appealing to the modern youth. Mrs Seetha Neelakanthan visited lodges in the Kerala Federation and was also the guest speaker at their annual conference. Others who visited lodges for lectures/study camps/conferences were Mr and Mrs Rohit Mehta, Dr C. V. Agarwal, and Mr H. B. Vaishnav, besides a number of Federation workers in their own areas.

The International President as well as the Vice President took time out of their many engagements to visit several of the Federations at the time of their annual conferences. During May the President inaugurated a Workers' Training Camp organized by the T.O.S. and also conducted a study class on *Light on the Path* at Bhavnagar. Their

visits and inspiring talks at all these places helped members to take to Theosophy more seriously.

The General Secretary visited several lodges and presided over the annual conference of the Karnataka and Telugu Federations. He also inaugurated the annual conference of the U.P. Federation held at Varanasi.

The Theosophy Science Group of India is regularly bringing out its bulletin with very informative articles. Dr A. Kannan, the Secretary, has appealed for donations to meet the cost of publication. A seminar was conducted at Rajpipla, Gujarat, on Science, Philosophy and Religion as fundamental activities in different fields of human interest.

The Theosophical Order of Service has been active in several parts of the Section. Its branches have brought succour to the flood, famine and drought-afflicted people, especially in Bihar and Orissa. Special mention should be made of the educational aid

to needy students in the Bombay area, help to disabled persons by the Karnataka group, and the hundreds of free eye operations by Dr Atul Narayan in Bengal.

The work at the headquarters is being carried on with the cooperation of devoted workers. The Tibbits Memorial Library, the bookshop and the educational institutions—all at the Section headquarters—function effectively.

Both at the Section, Federation and lodge levels there is a dearth of workers. It is hoped that from among the members of the Section a band of practising theosophists may arise who may spread the truths of theosophy in a greater measure to influence the thought in India.

There is an increase of 114 in the membership of the Section, the number as on 30 September 1982 being 10, 177.

A. Suryanarayan Moorti
General Secretary

INDONESIA

Our annual Congress which should have been held in East Java in May 1982 had to be cancelled because the general elections in Indonesia were held in the same month. Instead a referendum was held in which 17 lodges out of the existing 21 voted on the proposals submitted by letter which included election of office bearers. The referendum was a great success.

Mr R.S. Soejatno resigned as National President, but agreed to continue as Honorary President. Mr H. M. Soeswo was elected as National President. It was decided to hold the next Congress

in East Java, either at Malang or Blitar.

There are possibilities of reviving the *Banjarnegara* lodge dissolved many years ago by some of its old members.

There is a dispute between two groups in *Dharma* lodge, Jogjakarta, Central Java, as to which should 'inherit' the lodge building occupied by the late Mrs Sardjono, its Treasurer. As a result of this there are two separate lodges in Jogjakarta under the same name of *Dharma*.

H. M. Soeswo
General Secretary

IRELAND

No Report

ITALY

The work of our Section went on regularly with an increase in membership, lodges, and subscribers to our journal. The Section is now composed of 30 lodges and 7 Study Centres. Notwithstanding 22 deaths, membership increased by 12. The membership as on 30 September is 923.

Our magazine *Revista di Teosofia* was issued regularly and it has now 910 subscribers among whom are many nonmembers. A new edition of Annie Besant's *In The Outer Court* under the title *Il Tempio Interiore* and the second volume of *The Secret Doctrine* from the 5th Adyar edition were published. The Treasurer at his own expense published 30,000 copies of *Vita Impersonale* (3rd edition) for free distribution to all priests in Italy.

The 68th Annual Convention was held at Castrocaro with more than one hundred delegates participating. The theme was 'Karma-Dharma' and the guest speaker was Rev Anthony

Elenjimmittam from India. A public lecture arranged during the Convention attracted 400 persons.

We had the pleasure of a short visit by Mr R. Gopalaratnam from Adyar who lectured to appreciative audiences in Florence and Rome.

During the year the General Secretary's lecturing programme covered Gorizia, Venezia, Treviso, Vicenza, Milano and Genova. He also met the members-at-large at Jesolo, Conegliano and Pordenone.

Despite the worsening economic conditions, we hope to increase our membership, lodges and publication of theosophical books in Italian.

In general there is a need for an in-depth study of Theosophy so that members come to know Theosophy in its 'unique' meaning and not just to 'sympathize' with the aims of the Society.

Edoardo Bratina
General Secretary

MEXICO

No Report

NETHERLANDS

No Report

NEW ZEALAND

The task of working for brotherhood at all levels and changing the thought patterns of the world is not an easy one and even the most enthusiastic of members must feel discouraged at times. However, our spirits were surely uplifted this year by the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane with the coming together of athletes of so many different nations in a true spirit of brotherhood and comradeship.

It is this force for good that we hope, by our theosophical work, to recapture and channel into our nation and environment. This practical example of brotherhood should inspire all of us to keep working at this chosen task of changing the thought patterns of the world, no matter how small are our contributions as individuals.

The Section magazine, *Theosophy in New Zealand* is still the most successful medium for bringing in new members. We send copies to public libraries and ensure that they are displayed prominently. During the year some 7,700 copies were despatched. We continue to receive favourable comments both from overseas and within New Zealand and are fortunate to have Mrs Roma Dunningham as editor.

We recently printed 3,000 copies of a pamphlet, *We all have Hidden Powers*, a reprint of one based on a series of broadcasts. New members are sent monthly letters on the teachings of Theosophy for the first 18 months. Quarterly newsletters, slides and tapes are sent regularly to lodges. Jointly with H.P.B. lodge, the Section at the headquarters holds a monthly afternoon lecture followed by tea. It is arranged for those members who are unable to

attend the evening meetings.

On the national Network of the Broadcasting Corporation of New Zealand, the Section participated in the 'Religious Kaleidoscope' series, with Mr M. Stentiford, National Lecturer, presenting the Society's contribution.

The colour Hartley films in the Section Library are freely borrowed by lodges, young theosophists camps and universities. Cassettes on Theosophy are in great demand. We now have 509 cassettes for public use and 249 for members only. Geoffrey Hodson has made 100 cassettes for the public, in addition to his readings of four of his books. These 'talking books' are proving very popular. Our Section lending library, catering to members and nonmembers, shows an increase in parcels of books sent out. Study courses are proving very useful, both for individual members residing far from lodges and for smaller lodges. There are five free courses and there is no set time limit.

Besides the National Lecturer and others, Miss Diana Dunningham, currently working at the Krotona School of Theosophy, California, visited most of the lodges during July and August.

The Arundale Centre at Orewa, only a halfhour drive from Auckland, is now a flourishing centre for the dissemination of the Ancient Wisdom.

Many members are active in the T.O.S. working with organizations for Animal Welfare, Ecology, Healing, World Peace, Humaneness and Compassion Campaigns, Discharged Prisoners Aid Society, Health Clinics, etc.

Mrs Mavis Hardy
General Secretary

NORWAY

Membership registered an increase during the year and we are particularly happy that younger people take more interest in theosophical work. Our book sales also reflect this trend of increased interest.

Younger members have started study groups and the Section has embarked on the designing and printing of new brochures and extracts in Norwegian. The Section has also translated various articles, lectures and books in Norwegian. Most of the translated articles are published in our quarterly *Teosofi i Norden*, which magazine is shared with the Swedish Section. Other articles and news items are published in our national *Newsletter*, which is issued every quarter.

During the year we again had guest lecturers from abroad—Curt Bërg and Karl Rodosi from Sweden. Arne Hansen, one of our Board members, and my-

self visited several lodges and gave talks.

The Scandinavian Summer School was organized by the Section in Sweden this year, with all Scandinavian Sections represented. Its theme was: 'Theosophy, Ecology and Holism.' Mr Solveig Hiorth Andersen, one of our members, travelled in U.S.A. and attended the Fall Course at the Krotona School of Theosophy.

We endeavour to create and maintain contacts with other world movements with similar ideals. At various informal gatherings I have been able to give talks on Theosophy.

Last but not least, we pay our tribute to our Treasurer Ruth Wessel Nielsen who resigned after more than 20 years of active service. Sister Ruth is continuing theosophical work as the lodge President.

Tom Degenaaars
General Secretary

PHILIPPINES

Preparing for the Indo-Pacific Conference (in January 1983) is quite a challenge, but in the process we are helping ourselves to become a real 'team'. It is going to be a big boost for the future work of the Society in the Philippines. In the meantime, the regular business of the Society must go on and it has made some progress too, thanks to the cooperation and devotion of some of the workers.

The highlight of the year under report was the one-day Convention held on 2 May at the new Headquarters

building. The theme, 'Within Sight of the Aquarian Age' was explored in three workshops on the subjects: 'Right Human Relations', 'The Use and Control of Thought' and 'Techniques for Self-Improvement'. In place of the guest speaker who could not come, the Convention address was given by the General Secretary. Many delegates who saw the new building for the first time were delighted with it. Thanks to donations in money and kind from our devoted members the building has been well equipped.

The practice of holding mass induction of new members, in June and December, has been revived. That many of the new members have proven to be good workers so far, may be an index of the good work being done at the lodge levels as well as the simple but inspiring admission ceremony. Another practice we have revived and which has met with a lot of enthusiasm is the holding of interlodge meetings every first Sunday at the Headquarters. Instead of the usual lectures, theosophical themes and principles are introduced through dramatic presentation.

The 'briefing' of lodge officers has been restored with a whole-day seminar providing an excellent opportunity to exchange views. The interest and enthusiasm generated has been good for the lodges.

Further measures taken to improve the work were: less formal talks and more open discussions, maximising audience participation; presenting theosophical ideas in relation to current events and topics of immediate concern; reprinting of theosophical books to make them better available to the less affluent. The last was made possible by a 'Presidential Decree allowing reprint of foreign authored and published books', and the talks

and the titles reprinted were *Theosophy for Beginners* by C.W. Christie, and *Character Building* by Ernest Wood. Manila lodge undertook this as part of the T.O.S. work and 'they are selling like hotcakes'. The proceeds are donated to the T.O.S. work.

At the biennial elections the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary were voted back to office. Three new trustees, all of them lawyers, came in.

It was possible for me to visit during the year some of the 'out of town' lodges. The branches at Manila and Rizalana are the most vitally functioning ones.

The charters of three lodges were recalled as they could not re-activate themselves over a two-year period. We now have 14 active lodges, with a total membership of 218 as against 214 last year.

In conclusion: Creativity is something that is developed in theosophical work because there is dedication to the work. It is the Masters' work. May we be wise enough to remember that we are only Their workers, and it is as we prepare ourselves to be useful tools in their hands, can the work really be said to succeed.

Cleo Z. Gregorio
National President

PORTUGAL

The Portuguese Section continued its regular work on the well-established pattern of public lectures and symposia at the Headquarters every fortnight, and branch meetings every week. All theosophical days were also

celebrated. During the year some public meetings were organized by the branches which contributed greatly to our work.

In October 1981 we had the great opportunity to receive two distinguished

lecturers from England, Mr Wallace Slater and Miss Ianthe Hoskins. Their lectures and enthusiasm inspired our members. We look forward to their visit again next October.

Many of our members participated in the Iberian Theosophical Week last June in Escorial. It was a successful gathering presided over by Mr Juan Vinas, who was also the principal speaker. It was a happy and fraternal

event. The General Secretary was able to attend the Pays Latin Summer School in Switzerland.

The number of branches remain the same as reported last year—12; but one in Ponte de Lima continues to be dormant. Membership increased to 363 from 347 during the year.

Cesina Bermudes
General Secretary

PUERTO RICO

No Report

SCOTLAND

The Scottish Section has seen a resurgence of activity which is extremely encouraging. An imaginative set of talks, activities and projects have been undertaken at the two main centres, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

In the Glasgow lodge talks covered a wide variety of topics, besides seminars. All four lodges in Edinburgh—*Edinburgh* (original), *Blavatsky*, *Orpheus*, *Oriente*—are pursuing their different areas of interest with ever-expanding influence and enthusiasm. Programmes included weekly meditation, study of astrology and parapsychology, and practice of dance for bodily relaxation. The small centres at Dunfermline,

Carnoustie and Aberdeen have also been active.

At our Annual Convention the guest speaker was Katie Hogg. The theme was again a Celtic one, and she spoke about the Ring of Brodgar in the Orkney Islands and Glastonbury in the South of England.

Membership is a little over a hundred which is encouraging. On the whole it can be safely said that a theme is emerging in 'Scottish Theosophy' which indicates that we are making the most of our national advantages.

James G. Mitchell
General Secretary

SPAIN

The various lodges in Spain have been busy with regular theosophical work during the year. As outstanding events we may mention the formation of a new group of lecturers in Barcelona and the recording on a cassette, *Introduction to Theosophy*, for sale. A new booklet called *La Teosofia o Sabiduria Antigua* was published for promotion of theosophical activities.

On 9 May a special 'Day of Yoga' was held at Barcelona at which the Section arranged a lecture on 'Theosophy and Yoga' and set up an information stand.

Visiting lecturers included Miss Ianthe Hoskins (April 12-26) and Mr Juan Vinas, President of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, who lectured all around the country during April and May.

At the Annual Convention at Valencia on 13 February, the following decisions

were taken: To publish an official theosophical journal under the title *Revista de Estudios Teosoficos*; to form a new lodge called *Rama Arjuna* in Barcelona; to increase the membership fees; and to modify the statutes.

Another important action undertaken during the year was the purchase of a ground floor by *Rama Armonia* lodge. The opening took place on 17 November.

From June 10-13, the fifth Iberian Theosophical Week was held with a remarkable attendance of members from Portugal and Spain. The Regional Committee for Latin Countries decided to hold the 1983 Summer School in Spain under the theme 'Know Yourself'. It will probably be held at Masella (Gerona) from late August to early September.

Dr Jose Maria Vendrell Brucet
General Secretary

SRI LANKA

This year's activities have brought us several steps closer to our dream of repairing the dilapidated old hall and library, and also putting up a new wing in which our short weekend, one day and special camps, seminars and study courses can be held. By March of 1983, we trust all this will be possible.

We have continued the in-depth study of the Zen, Mahayana, and Theravada Schools of Buddhism and find that the common points in all the schools are clearly discernible.

All the seven lodges of the Section were active, holding public meetings,

discussions and seminars. We had several distinguished visiting lecturers who gave interesting talks on various subjects—Peter Rendel of England who led a day's seminar in March on "The Essential Unity of All Religions", Dr K. P. Rajappan, Professor of Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, in April spoke in the *Besant* lodge. Prof Chandra Wickremasinghe, addressed the united lodges.

Among others were Mr D. Sherman and Rev J. Pillai, both from U.S.A. An interesting seminar was organized by *Sri Ram* lodge, the theme being, 'What

is prayer? Why pray' with speakers from different religions. *Besant* lodge has an excellent record of work and offers a common meeting ground for interlodge activity, specially for one-day seminars.

The activities at our headquarters in Stockholm, where about half of our membership lives, have been rather lively. There were lectures on various subjects concerning yoga, meditation, Eastern religions and how contemporary features in modern physics seem to approach and confirm ancient mystical and occult teachings. Also regularly through such talks and discussions the bringing of theories and ideals into practice in everyday life, was considered.

For some years, a group of students have been meeting regularly at the headquarters to study *The Secret Doctrine*. From February another class for beginners to study *The Secret Doctrine* has been organized. The 17th of November was celebrated at headquarters with leaders and members of the T.S. of Pasadena in Sweden also participating. A group of Young Theosophists has been formed in Stockholm. They have interesting programmes.

Our membership is now 114. We condole the passing of Mr D.F. Pedris who was the General Secretary of the Section for many years.

T. R. Rustomjee
General Secretary

SWEDEN

Our public bookshop at headquarters is open 4 days a week in the afternoons. Periodical publications are *Teosofi i Norden* jointly with the Norwegian Section and a members' magazine, both issued four times a year.

Regular activities are also carried on in theosophical groups in Gothenburg, Malmoe and Oerebro.

In June Professor Henryk Skolimowski from the University of Michigan gave a public lecture in Stockholm, one in Gothenburg besides a two days' seminar, in cooperation with Friends of the Earth, on 'Ecological Consciousness and Evolutionary Wisdom'. Our Summer School took place in August at the west coast of Sweden with a good number of members attending from Denmark and Norway as well.

The membership of the Swedish Section decreased by one and is now 288.

Gunnar Larson
General Secretary

SWITZERLAND

No Report

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

We had another year of growth in all departments, with new members joining from all over the country. But the work in the branches often is suffering from a lack of commitment of the members to the work of the Society. There is so much going on that it is often hard for members to feel that working for the Society is any kind of priority, and this hampers the work in the branches. *Commitment* is not a word that has much meaning in today's society, but I think it is an important element in spiritual growth.

The American Theosophist is of course the most important link with the members. We are greatly helped in improving its looks and contents by a grant from the Kern Foundation. The special issues of the magazine are complimentary to all members but we are aiming them at a new public. The Fall issue on 'Symbol, Myth and Metaphor' with special advertising secured over 500 new subscriptions. Eleven issues were brought out with August / September number as a combined one.

The Department of Education has been providing a variety of educational materials and services to the branches, Study Centres, Federations, individual members and the general public. These include radio programmes, film rentals, assistance to theosophical camps, a cassette lending library, correspondence courses, study courses, special day programmes, audio-visual sets, public seminars, classes and lectures, members' workshops and services to new members and groups.

A video-tape lending library of theosophical and related programmes is now in the incipient stages of

development. The first video programme of an intended series, entitled 'The Unity of Man and Universe' was brought out; also a series of four video-tapes on 'Death and Dying' was released.

Four Theosophical Camps were held during the year with financial help from the Kern Foundation.

Workshops, Seminars, Public Lectures, Special Programmes: Programmes at the National Headquarters included 3 seminars, 8 public lectures, 5 public class series, 2 workshops and 2 special programmes.

In July 1982 H.H. the Dalai Lama spent several days at the National Headquarters, when he delivered a public lecture before 900 persons and another talk to over 300 members.

Another highlight was the visit of the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier. In addition to being the keynote speaker at the 1981 Convention and Summer School, she gave several talks at the National Headquarters, including several much appreciated talks to the Olcott Staff.

The headquarters' public lectures and seminar programmes continue to be highly successful. As a result of the Kern Foundation grant it was possible to invite Guest lecturers, highly accomplished in their fields. To name a few: Dr H. Skolimowski, Dr J. Hopkim, Dr R. Silberstein, Dr G. MacGregor, Dr Eric Peper and others.

The Theosophical Publishing House: Despite adverse economic conditions affecting the book industry in general, the T.P.H. maintained a healthy position in the book world. Many of our titles continue to sell well year after year, and sales during the year

reached \$700,000 mark, a five percent increase over the previous record. Ten new Quest books were released and 17 were reprinted.

Publicity Pamphlets: The twenty-five varied publicity pamphlets have proved to be an effective and economical method of disseminating Theosophy. Each pamphlet speaks to a specific aspect of the theosophical philosophy, and as 75% of the cost is underwritten by the Kern Foundation, the expense to the branches and study centres is minimal. Over 50,000 were sold during the year.

The Olcott Library: More than 500 new books and several new journals were added to the library's collection this year. The membership is now nearing 1,200. This year the circulation of books reached more than 5,100 of which 2,100 were sent by mail. Tapes, numbering 50, are loaned to 'walk-in' borrowers only. Microfilm copies of *The Mahatma Letters*, *Lucifer* and *The Theosophist* are for use in the library.

Bing Escudero, our indefatigable National Lecturer, again travelled through the Section. His friendliness brings people together in peace and harmony and many people join the Society after hearing him. Miss Diana

Dunningham lectured both in the Northwest and Northeast, and her lectures were well received everywhere. Dr Mary Jane Newcomb also visited several branches.

Dr D. Kreiger and Dr E. Peper and I have been continuing to give workshops for nurses, psychotherapists and doctors. We have incorporated theosophical concepts in all our workshops. This work is bringing many nurses into the Society.

I also visited and spoke at several branches, including San Francisco, Seattle, Asheville, New York and Houston.

Dr Ralph Hannon continues to be the active Chairman of the Theosophical Research Institute, which publishes four *Newsletters* a year.

The membership registered a net increase of 82 to reach 5,367 in 79 branches and 90 Study Centres.

I would conclude with a tribute to the assistance rendered by several dependable and able workers and others who have volunteered their time to disseminate the Ancient Wisdom.

Dora Kunz
National President

URUGUAY

I took office as General Secretary in December 1981 when the elected General Secretary resigned, but this did not alter the scheduled activities.

A very active programme of theosophical work is continuing despite a decrease in membership by removing the lapsing members from the rolls. We have been able to offer public lectures,

study courses on basic and advanced Theosophy, short study courses on *At the Feet of the Master*, the *Bhagavad Gita*, Meditation, and special subjects on different aspects of Yoga. Visiting lecturers included Mr Juan Vinas, President of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, and Mr Manuel Farinich of the Argentine Section. The

average attendance at their talks was about 150.

Our Library is well used by members as well as the public. A five-page national bulletin is published regularly giving translations of the International President's articles and Watch Tower notes. A weekly radio programme on theosophical subjects carries the message of Theosophy to a wide audience. We have also participated in other regular radio programmes. Opportunities are given to more members to participate in different

activities and this has helped to build up a fine team of workers.

The Annual Convention was held on 25 August. The election of office bearers took place in October, and the undersigned has been re-elected as General Secretary.

As in other countries, we are also facing a very difficult economic situation. We know that our task is not easy, but this does not weaken our efforts.

Dolores Gago de Fuerte
General Secretary

WALES

The lodges in Cardiff and Colwyn Bay have both continued with reasonable success throughout the year under review. Membership is about the same but it seems that the average age of the members is a little lower which is very encouraging.

Cardiff lodge has for the last couple of years followed a policy of asking each member to speak either as part of a symposium or at a members' meeting or to give a talk at the public meetings.

This idea has helped many of us to really 'get down to study' and as we gain knowledge and experience, we gain self-confidence in public speaking. Members also share the duties of being the chairman.

We all enjoy the closer participation in our theosophical work and I am sure, this helps to keep a sense of harmony and vitality.

Elsie Probert
General Secretary

YUGOSLAVIA

The year 1982 was characterized by increasing activity, as in the last few years of the work of our Section. There are a greater number of lectures, more publications and an increase in membership. Membership has nearly doubled during the last five years—from 113 in

1978 to 218 now. This is in spite of the fact that we stress that one should join the Society for the ideals and principles it stands for.

Our magazine *Teozof* was renamed *Staze* (Paths) to reach a wider and more serious readership. Also many

were repelled by the former title as it reminded them of theology. The contents have not changed, the editorial staff continues to be the same and the basic plan and aim are still the same. Due to rising printing costs, it is now published only once or twice a year. To fill the gap a mimeographed bulletin called *Jezgra* (Nucleus), is brought out monthly or bimonthly as needed.

Two brochures were published during the year outlining what the Society stands for — one answering most questions new comers ask, while the other is an address to new members by our late President N. Sri Ram.

We also printed for the first time since the Section was founded in 1925 a catalogue of books and other publications. This includes those in print such as *Light on the Path*, *At the Feet of the Master*, *Man, Visible and Invisible*, *Karma Yoga* of Swami Vivekananda and *Seven Meditations*, a series of lectures by the late B. R. Mullik. Another addition to the catalogue is a mimeographed list of lectures given in different lodges covering a wide range of theosophical and allied subjects.

Thanks to the catalogue and the publications, we are getting letters from an ever-increasing number of seekers throughout the country, from about 20 different towns without any theosophical lodge. Thus our Section is entering a new phase of opening out and becoming more easily accessible to serious seekers.

A Publishing Committee has been formed to select new titles for publication and it has been decided to publish only those books which are in accord with the aims of the Society.

Our seventh Summer School held in Gozd Martuljek was very successful, with nearly a hundred participants,

more than at any other Summer School up to now. The main theme was meditation. There were also lectures, discussions, camp fire, etc. A wonderful atmosphere was built up and everybody felt it. During a whole week preceding the camp, we had a seminar for members only under the theme 'The T.S. in Yugoslavia, our work and mutual relationships'.

'The Universal Flame' and 'How Many Lifetimes' — films produced by the American Section — were screened in most lodges. Also an 8 mm film of about 20 minutes taken by the General Secretary at the 'Festival of Mind, Body and Spirit' in London, June 1981, was shown in all the major cities. Most lectures during the last year have been illustrated with films or slides, and so we are approaching more and more an audio-visual way of presenting Theosophy.

Apart from regular public lectures, each lodge had regular meetings, with lectures, generally once a week. A deeper study is undertaken at these meetings. The Atma-Vidya course on Theosophy lasting for about three years, is successfully going on in Zagreb and Belgrade. Two series of introductory courses on Theosophy have also been held, and now it is being prepared in book form.

Our guest speakers included Heleen Raven from Holland, and Mr and Mrs Will Ross from the U.S.A.

A major task facing the Section is acquiring its own permanent place to hold meetings and establish a library, since finding suitable rooms for meetings and lectures is posing problems.

Emilio Trampuz
General Secretary

Presidential Agencies

BOLIVIA

No Report

MALAYSIA

During the year under review the work of the Society in Malaysia gathered greater momentum.

At the Seremban lodge an extension to the lodge building was completed and it now caters for the greater demand of children attending the Montessori classes. The weekly lodge meetings are well attended. The lodge also conducts occasional workshops and seminars for which response from the public has been very encouraging.

The Selangor lodge extended its activities significantly during the year. The *Gita* classes on Wednesdays are well attended and so are the Sunday Yoga classes. At the beginning of the

year a Montessori class was commenced and it is attracting growing interest.

A study group has been formed in Penang with the intention of reviving the Penang lodge in the near future. Keen interest is being shown by the study circle which is receiving great help and guidance by a visiting member from the U.S.A., Mr Wilcher.

The dissemination of theosophical literature is very actively pursued. A Library Service and a Book Centre are currently being set up and when completed will add increased impetus to this aspect of work.

S. Narayanan
Presidential Agent

PAKISTAN

No Report

VENEZUELA

Several steps were taken during the year under review to improve and develop our theosophical work.

We have totally organized our lodge files, records, etc. as well as our small

library. The theosophical study has greatly improved and covers a wide range. Some of the themes studied and discussed were: Raja Yoga, Birth, Death and Reincarnation, Karma,

Vedanta, Hierarchy and the Masters, Astrology as an Occult Science, etc. besides a study course on Taimni's *Self-Culture*. Every Saturday afternoon meeting is followed by tea when members and visitors exchange ideas and opinions.

Our theosophical review *Unidad*, whose publication has been delayed because of certain difficulties, is now

planned to be published as a bimonthly. All theosophical days were commemorated with special programmes.

Our members and visitors responded to our varied programme with great enthusiasm, and we look forward to the future with renewed dedication.

Dr. Roger Vivas Dacanio
Presidential Agent

Regional Associations

AFRICA, WEST

No Report

CANADA

No Report

IRELAND, NORTHERN

The thirty-fourth Annual Convention of the Society in Northern Ireland was held on 30 May 1982 with the regional secretary as speaker. We worked quietly throughout the year and managed to 'preach' Theosophy through a varied programme of public lectures and discussions which one would hope was helpful to all seekers after truth. All our meetings were reasonably well attended although we all wish we could reach a larger section of the public.

Members' meetings on Wednesdays registered some improvement. The group studied Taimni's *Self-Culture*, Annie Besant's *Esoteric Christianity*, William James' *The Varieties of Religious Experience* and *The Cloud of*

Unknowning and Kenneth Walker's *The Teachings of Gurdjieff*.

Two of our old and faithful members—Bob Kennedy, and Charles Hunter who had been for many years a worker and resident at Adyar—died during the year. Two new members joined the Belfast lodge.

The work proceeds uninterrupted thanks to the help and efforts of our members. Theosophy provides us all with a clear sense of direction. It is up to each one of us, individually, to set our own pace, and yet, we are perfectly capable of walking together.

Antonio Rodriguez
Regional Secretary

Federations

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

To judge from the impression given by our European magazines and reports, I think one can say that the decision to give members and newcomers a better presentation of basic esoteric principles has borne fruit during the past year.

The type of society in which most Europeans live—the industrial welfare state—gives young people an increasingly technical education detrimental to their knowledge of the philosophical side of life. Theosophy could in this respect prove difficult for modern man to deal with, as modern life does not stimulate his inner faculties. But, confronted with global difficulties in all fields, more and more people are beginning to ponder on the meaning of life. With our rich literature and with our roots in the eternal truths, we should be better able to help our sisters and brothers in their difficulties than many of the 'May-fly type'!

Since our last council meeting, we have issued a paper, *Morning Meditation* at Theosophical gatherings, meant to provide hints and suggestions to those responsible. We also issued a practical list of *What to Remember when Organizing a Summer School*, which we hope will be useful to organizers.

Mrs Elise Probert's a 'trial one week' European School of Theosophy matured quickly and a programme was ready within a few weeks. I wish to thank Mr Geoffrey Farthing, Mr Adam Warcup and Miss Ianthe Hoskins for their help as well as the English Section for the

opportunity to hold the school at the Centre in Camberley.

Our Vice-Chairman, Mme Henriette van der Hecht, has been busy touring. She attended the Austrian Summer School in Pichl in September, visited Athens at the end of October/beginning of November 1981, was present at the French Convention in Paris and at the International Week at the Naarden Centre, Holland, in the spring of 1982.

A Swedish member, Mr Spetts, has organized two flights, one to the World Congress in Nairobi and one to the Adyar Centenary in Adyar, both in December 1982. Flights to Adyar with three different routes are also planned by the French Section.

Our Executive Committee members have all been active for our cause, travelling in different countries as opportunity offered. Mrs A. Stephen visited Krotona, California, and we hope to benefit from the results of her stay there in our European work.

Four *Newsletters* were issued during the year with a variety of information of interest to different Sections.

I myself have tried to keep in touch with the members of the Executive Committee. Most of all I wish to thank our Vice-Chairman who has been of immense help in all ways during the year and, last but not least, our secretary Mary Anderson, with whom it is a pleasure to cooperate.

Barbro Melander
Chairman

INDO - PACIFIC THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

No Report

INTER-AMERICAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

This report is a synthesis of work during the last four years (1979-1982), giving the salient points, and placed before the member countries of the Federation.

In November 1979 the Federation became a registered body. In January 1980 application for exemption from taxes as a non-profit organization was sent and it is hoped that the exemption will be granted within a reasonable time limit.

This lengthy procedure was a considerable obstacle to our editorial plans related to export of books, but this did not impede the printing of books, 'although not in the quantities desired.'

Publications: The following translations have been published during these few years: *The Three Paths of Perfection* by A. Besant, *Reincarnation: A Hope for the World* by I. Cooper, *Clairvoyance and Clairaudience* by C. W. Leadbeater, and *Glimpses into the Psychology of Yoga* by I. K. Taimni. The last two were printed jointly with the Argentine Section. Dr Taimni's *Self Culture* and *Man, God and the Universe* are in the press while his *Science of Yoga* and *Science and Occultism* are ready for printing.

Programme of Work: In 1980, Mrs Dolores G. de Fuerte toured the branches in Chile. In November 1981, a conference extending for three days was arranged at Puelde, Mexico, for members in Central, North and South Mexico. This was attended by members of the Federation, Latin

American members resident in California, U.S.A., besides members from various parts of Mexico.

The meeting held in Montevideo in the same month was attended by members from Argentina and Uruguay besides Mario Cariaga of Bolivia and the Vice President of the Federation. At both the gatherings the programme was tight, with public lectures and members meetings.

The President of the Federation collaborated with the Brazilian Section, organizing and participating in the Summer Schools for 1980 and 1981.

Lecture Tours: In September 1981, a week's visit to Uruguay; A tour of Mexico, lasting for three and a half months was undertaken beginning November 1981 for conducting study programmes and conferences; a week's visit to the Spanish lodge in Los Angeles; a twenty-seven days tour of Puerto Rico; and a tour of Spain after attending the 'Iberian Days' at El Escorial as guest lecturer in 1982.

In all the places during these visits the programmes were well organized and publicised, the halls were full; also tremendous sale of theosophical literature.

There is much work to be done and it is hoped that with the help of everyone, the activities will increase to justify the existence of the Inter-American Federation.

Juan Vinas
President

WORLD THEOSOPHICAL YOUTH FEDERATION

During 1982 the World Theosophical Youth Federation (WTYF) continued its work of promoting the Ideals and objects of the Theosophical Society among young people.

The WTYF is still very much concentrated in Brazil where it has several youth groups in the main cities. There is a Brazilian Theosophical Youth Federation and it works in perfect cooperation with the T. S. National Section, both located in Sao Paulo.

The Brazilian Theosophical Youth Federation has held three successful camps and the last one was in Compos do Jordao with more than 80 participants. The new President of the Brazilian Youth federation is Marina Cesar from Sao Paulo, elected last July.

The WTYF published two issues of its newsletter, *The Universal Man* and continues its international work of linking young people in sympathy with its work as well as stimulating and orienting the formation of new youth groups.

Since 1978 the policy of the WTYF has been to work as a complementary line to the regular lodge work, suitable to attract the interest of the young people, and not to encourage separation among the T. S. membership. All the young people are encouraged to participate in the regular T. S. work as well.

Arnaldo Sisson Filho
Chairman

Lodges Attached to Adyar

BANGLADESH *Comilla Lodge*

The Comilla lodge is the only unit of the Theosophical Society in Bangladesh. We held 52 meetings during the year including those on special theosophical days. All the meetings were fairly well attended. The talks and discussions covered a wide range of theosophical and allied subjects. Our programmes included study of articles and the 'Watch Tower' from the *Theosophist* besides articles from other journals. Theosophical and other days like Wesak were celebrated with special programmes.

The lodge suffered a great loss during the year in the demise of its long-time President, Rash Mohan Chakravorty, Vice President Kaviraj

Narendra Das Sarma, and Mr Abani Mohan Day.

As reported earlier our lodge building suffered extensive damage during the liberation struggle in 1971. We persuaded the Deputy Commissioner of Comilla to visit our lodge on 26 September 1982. He has promised to sanction a grant to the tune of twice the amount the lodge raises for carrying out urgent repairs.

Our meeting on 7 September 1982 elected a new Secretary, Joint Secretary and Librarian. We now have 39 members.

Rev Dharma Rakshit Mahathero
President

CAMEROON

Fako Lodge

The *Fako* lodge is the only unit of the Theosophical Society in Cameroon with headquarters in Buea.

For the past year, the activities of the lodge were very limited due to transfers of members by the government. Although the membership of the lodge increased from 18 to 36 by 1982, the newcomers were not very keen on studying the 'theoretical' lectures. So we planned to operate in more practical ways with meditation, Yoga and readings from theosophical classics which constitute the major part of the lodge's programme.

Meetings continued more or less twice a month due to distances of members. Normally we are not facing

any language problems due to bilingualism in Cameroon. Every last week of the month members visit hospitals, homes for the blind and prisons and engage in humanitarian service.

We are grateful for the valuable gift of some theosophical books from Wheaton, sent by our sister Miss Joy Mills. We would welcome more books, even used ones.

We would like to wish the other Sections or lodges to work at the 'Inner Silent Work'. Perhaps good work is silent, and only a few visualize it.

Ndeme A. Jacob-Marshall
Secretary

EGYPT

No Report

HONG KONG

No Report

ISRAEL

Harmony Lodge, Tel Aviv

As mentioned in the last annual report, a high percentage of our lodge members has reached a truly advanced age which often goes hand-in-hand with periods of indisposition and ill-health. This is the reason why we had to start our activities this year in December 1981 only, as both the

President and Secretary were on the sick list. To compensate for the loss of time we continued our meetings after White Lotus Day, the beginning of the summer recess, until the end of June 1982.

An octogenarian member, Mrs Bella Bachmann, moved to a Home-for-the-

Aged in the north of the country and resigned, thus reducing our membership to 13.

In April 1982 a new Hebrew periodical carried an extensive illustrated interview with Mr Hans Zeuger, lodge President, which included a resume of his politico-astrological forecasts over a period of four decades. This resulted in many requests for astrologi-

cal services including study of astrology. His work as astrologer was again mentioned in the *Jerusalem Post*, the English daily.

During the year Mr Zeuger revised his mystery play *The Call*, written in German, depicting an assembly of the Masters of Wisdom in Shamballa.

Hans Zeuger
President

JAPAN

Nippon Lodge, Tokyo

We hold regular theosophical meetings thrice a month. Every second Sunday afternoon we hold a public meeting; every first and third Saturday evening we have theosophical study meetings. We also have Agni Yoga study meetings twice a month.

We finished studying *Dynamics of the Psychic World* at the Saturday meetings. This year we had eleven new members and so we commenced the study of *Key to Theosophy* at our third Saturday meetings.

In our monthly magazine I am translating and serializing 'A Bewitched Life' from *H.P. Blavatsky Collected Writings, VI* and Col. Olcott's activities in Japan from his *Old Diary Leaves*.

I have completed translation into Japanese of *Idyll of the White Lotus, Thought Forms, Man, Visible and Invisible* and *Dynamics of the Psychic World*. As soon as funds are available, these will be published, one by one, starting with *Thought Forms*.

Among visitors from abroad were Mr and Mrs Will and Caroline Ross, U.S.A., Mr R. Gopalaratnam, Adyar, Mrs G. K. Minwalla, Pakistan, and Mrs Hamaker, U.S.A. Mr Will Ross lectured on *The Secret Doctrine* which members found very useful. Mr R. Gopalaratnam addressed the members.

Emiko Tanaka
President

PERU

H.P.B. Lodge, Lima

This year the *H.P.B.* lodge of Lima conducted study courses on *The Technique of Spiritual Life* by Clara

Codd and *The Astral Body* by Powell.

The lodge during the 43 out of the 58 years of existence had been meeting

in an old building. However, new construction plans of the city government recently forced the lodge to seek new quarters, and the meetings had to be held in the home of one of the

members. We also held some combined meetings with other lodges—*Paz-Y-Amor* and *Luz-del-Maestro*. In spite of various difficulties we are carrying on our theosophical work as before.

Walter Garcia
President

SINGAPORE

For the first time in 1982 video-tape programmes were introduced into our activities covering interesting subjects. There were also lectures on topics such as 'The Master', 'Hindu Astrology', etc.

Mr and Mrs Jamieson of New Zealand and Mr Hao Chin, Vice President of Manila lodge, gave interesting talks during their visits to Singapore.

Guest speakers included Bhikku Luang Poh Tien on 'Insight Meditation', Rev Sek Kong Woon on 'Kundalini Yoga' (in 2 parts) and Swami Shivananda on 'Meditation'. There was also a forum on Kundalini and discussion on 'The Lost Years of Jesus Christ'. All theosophical days were celebrated with enthusiasm, followed by contributory buffet dinners. Due to lack of volun-

tary workers we did not participate in the International Book Festival this year.

The library was reasonably active, although not to the extent desired. Delay in returning books was a distressing feature. We would like to record our thanks to our patron Bro J.W.D. Ambrose for donating a large number of books on occultism/philosophy to the library.

We record with regret the passing of Mr A. P. Pillay who gave freely of his knowledge and experience of Hindu astrology to members. Our financial position continues to be good.

Len P. Rodrigo
President

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION



(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled 'An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860,' that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875, INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
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and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording Secretary:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of 'President-Founder,' and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said

Members of General Council not answerable

trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy,

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ..

„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ..

„ PYARE LAL ..

„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ..

at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
 { „ W. A. ENGLISH
 { „ SUBRAMANIAM
 { „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
 { „ UPENDRANATH BASU
 „ ANNIE BESANT
 „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED 'THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,' ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the
General Council Governing Body of The
Theosophical Society. All
members of the General
Council shall at all times be Fellows of the
Society and not fewer than seven members
of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-
Members of President, the Treasurer,
the General the Secretary and the
Council General Secretaries of the
component National Societies (other-
wise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be
members of the General Council. The
terms of those members of the General
Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall
expire with the vacation of their qualifying
office.

(b) The General Council shall in-
clude not fewer than 5 and not more than
12 Additional Members, among whom all
past Presidents while in good standing
shall automatically have place. Other
members shall on the nomination of the
President be elected for a term of three
years by vote of the General Council at
its Annual Meeting, their names having
been sent to the Members of the General
Council at least three months before the
Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligi-
ble for re-election.

(d) The Secretary shall be the
Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the
Removal of General Council to remove
General any of its members, or any
Council officer of the Society except-
members and ing the President of The
officers Theosophical Society and excepting the
General Secretaries of National Societies,

by a three-fourths majority of its whole
number of members, at a special meet-
ing called for the purpose, of which at
least three months' notice shall have been
given, the quorum consisting, however,
of not fewer than five members.

4. (a) The General Council shall ordi-
narily meet once a year, at
Meetings the time of the Annual
of the Meeting or Convention of
General the Society; but a special
Council meeting may be called at any time by
the President, and a meeting shall be
called at any time by him, or if not by
him, by the Secretary, on the written
requisition of not less than one-fourth of
the total number of members; but of such
special meetings not less than three
months' notice shall be given, and the
notice shall contain a statement of the
special business to be laid before the
meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place,
a Convention or other function of the
Society shall bring together a number of
members of the General Council the
President at his discretion may call such
members to a meeting for the purpose of
study and discussion of any matters con-
cerning the Society that he considers
appropriate to lay before them. The
meeting may then forward to the President
its report on such matters and may make
recommendations thereon. Such meetings
shall be of a consultative nature without
administrative or legislative authority, or
may be of a legislative nature upon the
decision of the General Council taken at
least one year in advance.

In the event the President does not
himself attend such a meeting he may

appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. (a) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such member shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Secretary.

(b) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include adjourned meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings

of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

10. The procedure for election to the office of President shall be as follows:

(a) Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a special Committee consisting of three members of The Theosophical Society in good standing including the Secretary, but excluding any candidate for the office of President, to carry out the election procedure as hereinunder detailed.

This Committee shall be known as the Election Committee and shall be answerable only to the Executive Committee.

It shall be automatically dissolved on the declaration of the voting result.

(b) Immediately on its appointment, the Election Committee shall instruct the Secretary to send out to the members of the General Council a written call for nominations for the office of President.

The call for nominations shall be sent by airmail or other expeditious means if airmail be unavailable, followed one week later by a second (duplicate) call.

(c) Any member of the Society in good standing, having been a member for at least ten consecutive years

immediately preceding his nomination, may be nominated.

Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary, Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary, shall be entitled to make three nominations and shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations.

The President shall be entitled to make three nominations.

The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and each Additional Member of the General Council who is not a Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary shall be entitled to make one nomination.

It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that his nomination(s) together with the written consent of the nominee(s) reach the Secretary within ten weeks of the date of the call for nominations.

(d) At the expiration of ten weeks, the Election Committee shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose.

At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations.

The three nominees having the highest number of nominations shall alone be qualified to be on the voting list, but if two (or more) nominees qualify for the last place on the voting list, they shall both (or all) be included in the list.

No nominee shall be included in the voting list unless supported by at least twelve nominations.

The names of the nominees who thus qualify for inclusion shall be listed in alphabetical order.

This list, as finalized by the Executive Committee, shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

(e) The Secretary shall then immediately communicate in writing by airmail or

other expeditious means (followed one week later by a second and duplicate communication) the voting list together with biographical data of the candidates in accordance with Appendix A to these Rules, to the General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, and Presidential Representatives and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters.

Each General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Representative shall make known the names of the candidates and their biographical data to the members in his area and take the votes in accordance with the instructions in Appendix B to these Rules of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations, and shall communicate the result to the Secretary in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B to these Rules.

The Election Committee shall take the votes in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B of these Rules of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations.

The voting results must reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him.

If only one name remains on the voting list, the vote shall be taken on a 'For' or 'Against' ballot.

(f) At the expiration of fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by the Secretary, the voting results shall be totalled by the Election Committee and placed before the Executive Committee.

Within three days of the closing date of voting, the candidate who has received the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and shall assume office not later than thirty days thereafter.

In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a 'For' or 'Against' ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues have been paid for the last official year to his Section, Regional Association or Presidential Agency or in the case of Lodges (Branches) attached direct to Adyar and Fellows-at-large to the Secretary or Treasurer concerned.

11. (a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other

things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The Secretary and such subordinate officials as are necessary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present or voting. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

13. The President shall nominate the Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council for a period of three years. In the event of an emergency, the President may appoint an acting Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee until such time as the General Council can confirm a new Treasurer in accordance with the procedure laid down above. The Treasurer may be removed

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from office by the General Council or by a vote of three-fourths of the number of members of the Executive Committee. In such an event, the President shall nominate a new Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council.

14. (a) The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year or until its next Annual Meeting, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by cooption.

(b) The General Council may delegate to the Executive Committee any of its powers and authority in the management of the business and affairs of the Society except:

1. The power to amend or repeal the Rules;
2. The power to borrow money and incur indebtedness;
3. Such powers as are specifically reserved to the President.

The Executive Committee shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the General Council and as are specified in the Rules. The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Council programmes, policies or activities, but it may not initiate projects requiring major funds not within the current approved budget.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called

by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of the Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the

Appointment
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Committee

Quorum of
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Receipt of
moneys

Meetings of
Executive
Committee

Deposits,
Signatories

Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following: the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscription, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public Securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages in such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21(c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident,

illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note: The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit

the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. (a) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society or, through the Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Secretary.

(b) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Representative from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Representative as entered by him and duly reported to the Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

(c) Members may not be full

members of more than one Lodge (Branch) at a time, but may be accepted as Affiliated or Honorary Members of Lodges (Branches) other than the one in which they are full members. Affiliated or Honorary Members may possess such rights and privileges as are accorded to them by the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold such membership, but they shall not be founder members of new Lodges (Branches), but if a member becomes a founder member of a new Lodge (Branch), he must become a full member of such Lodge (Branch) and shall relinquish full membership in any other Lodge (Branch). Affiliated or Honorary Members are not to be counted in the international records or vote in international elections other than through the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold full membership.

30. Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society as an Affiliated or Honorary Member, but he shall not cast a vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society in the National Society in which he is an Affiliated or Honorary Member.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The

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to another
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Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the

General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favour thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge (Branch) concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. (a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) consisting of at least 70 members of the Society in good standing.

(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges

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a Section

(Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Regional Association to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgment territorial division or other causes have made such Regional Association necessary or desirable. Any such Regional Association may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of business.

A Regional Association shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Regional Associations and to their chief executives.

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Representatives to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Representative shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. (a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their

authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (a), a National Society, Section or Regional Association may cancel the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) within its area. This power shall be exercised by the Governing Body or Committee which is responsible, according to the constitution, rules and regulations of the National Society, Section or Regional Association, for the management of the business and affairs of the National Section or Regional Association.

(c) The Lodge (Branch) may appeal to the President against the cancellation of its Charter under sub-rule (b) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the order of cancellation of the Charter, and the President may either uphold or quash the order of cancellation. The decision of the President shall be deemed to be effective from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

Provided that if the President does not pass an order on the appeal within a period of nine months from the date of receipt of the appeal, the cancellation of the Charter shall be deemed to have been upheld.

(d) If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the President may, at his discretion, withdraw its Charter.

37. Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the

Formation
of a Regional
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Appointment
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tial Repre-
sentatives

Minimum
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National
Society

Rules of
Lodges and
National
Societies

Authority of
Charters and
Diplomas

National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31(c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgment of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. Every National Society shall appoint or otherwise select a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of 'The . . . Section of The T.S.' before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary fees and charges payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society: for Charters of such Lodges (Branches); for Diplomas (Certificates) of Membership and for Annual subscription of Fellows of such Lodges (Branches); and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Regional Association, or Presidential Agency for Charters when printed at or supplied by the Adyar Headquarters. The Secretary should inform the General Council within three months of any changes in fees and charges. The Annual Subscription of Fellows other than Fellows-at-large or members of Lodges (Branches) attached directly to Adyar shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other

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regulations of the National Society to which such Fellows are attached, or equivalents.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31(a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the bylaws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay such Entrance Fee, Diploma Fee and Annual Subscription as shall be fixed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes in such fees within three months of their being made.

43. (a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of March of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 31st March.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41(a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Representatives to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the

Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto* become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule 31(c) (except) where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest (as hereinafter provided) and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31(c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society, as the case may be, the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows

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Society or
Lodge

Revival or
transfer of
Charter

being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interest of the Society.

Provided further that in cases in which the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) had been cancelled by a National Society, Section or Regional Association under sub-rule (b) of Rule 36 and, on an appeal under sub-rule (c) of that Rule, the President quashes the order of cancellation, all property of the Lodge (Branch) shall again vest in the Lodge (Branch), and shall be deemed to have remained so vested from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

Financial
accounts

MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be

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determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year, but such Annual General Meeting or Convention must be held within six months of the close of the Society's year and may be held outside India not more than once in every three years. National Societies desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation at least twelve months prior to the Convention with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. Not more than once in every seven years a World Congress of Theosophical Society may be held at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention.

World
Congress

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

Special
meetings

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

Changes in
Rules and
Regulations

50. The General Council may frame bylaws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such bylaws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

Bylaws

APPENDIX

A: Biographical Data of Presidential Candidates.

Each candidate shall submit to the Secretary biographical data not exceeding two hundred words.

The following information shall be included: (a) date and place of birth (b) education (c) past and present occupations (d) date of joining The Theosophical Society (e) work done for The Theosophical Society.

Other information may be included but must be factual and shall not contain statements of opinion or policy.

The biographical data for circulation shall be drawn up by the Election Committee on the basis of the information supplied by the candidates, and shall be approved by the Executive Committee (excluding any candidates for election) before being issued.

B: Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election.

Note: Where the term 'General Secretary' is used, it refers also to Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, and Presidential Representative. Where the term 'Section' is used, it refers also to National Society, Regional Association and Presidential Agency.

(a) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data as soon as the names of the nominees are announced.

Where practicable, in the view of the General Secretary, all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.

It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary, to ensure that the voting papers together with the biographical data in full are sent to each member.

Other material concerning the candidates shall not be circulated.

(b) The voting paper shall consist of two parts: the voting slip, and the letter form which the member signs and addresses to the General Secretary.

Each member shall be given two envelopes, a small one in which he will place only the voting slip and seal it, and a larger one addressed to the General Secretary, in which he will enclose the small sealed envelope and the letter form signed by him.

(c) As the papers are received, the General Secretary, with the scrutineers appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section (preferably not members of that committee), shall open the larger envelopes addressed to him to ensure the validity of the votes by checking the eligibility of the voter who has signed the letter form.

He shall then put the small sealed envelopes containing the voting slips into a sealed box.

This box shall be opened on the appointed day by the scrutineers. Voting papers received after this date shall be treated as invalid and shall be destroyed unopened.

The scrutineers shall open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of 'For' or 'Against' votes if there is but one candidate).

(d) The General Secretary shall record the result of the count on Form C which will be supplied from the Secretary's Office at the same time as the list to be voted upon.

He shall place Form C in the small

envelope labelled 'Voting Result.... Section', seal the envelope and enclose it in the larger envelope addressed to the Secretary.

This must be sent by airmail or other expeditious means to reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by him.

(e) The small envelope containing the voting results of the Section shall be kept unopened in a sealed box by the Secretary until the close of voting.

It shall then be opened by the Election Committee.

The larger envelope shall be kept separately and shall not be destroyed until after the voting results are announced, and under the authority of the Executive Committee.

(f) If the voting returns have not been received by the Secretary within twelve weeks of the date of issue of the voting

list by him, he shall cable the General Secretary concerned, informing him of this fact.

The General Secretary shall immediately send to the Secretary by airmail or other expeditious means a second (duplicate) voting return in a sealed envelope marked 'Duplicate'.

Cabled results will not be accepted.

Voting results received after the closing date will be destroyed unopened by the Secretary in the presence of three members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the said Committee, and the particulars of the Section from which the voting results were received and the date on which they were received, shall be recorded in writing, and the Secretary and the three members of the Executive Committee shall affix their signatures thereto.

DIRECTORY

AT

1 JANUARY 1983

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President : Mrs RADHA BURNIER
 Vice-President : Mr SURENDRA NARAYAN
 Secretary : Mrs Norma Sastry
 Treasurer : Miss TJIOE SIANG NIO

National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1947	Africa, East and Central	Mr H. D. Shah	.... P.O. Box 671, Dar-es-Salam, Tanzania
1909	Africa, South	Mr Arthur Bunton	.... P.O. Box 47, Pretoria 0001, South Africa
1956	Africa, West*	Mr Isaac K. Zaney	.... P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1929	America, Central	Mr Julio Cesar Martinez Santos	.... Apartado Postal 1124, Managua, Nicaragua
1920	Argentina	Mr Juan Carlos Palmeri	.... Santiago 320,2000 Rosario (Santa Fe)
1895	Australia	Mr J. Patterson	.... 4th Flr, 121 Walker Street, North Sydney, N.S.W. 2060
1912	Austria	Dr Norbert Lauppert	.... Postfach 655, A—8011, Graz
1911	Belgium	Mr Ch. Lallemand	.... Avenue J. Bordet, 72 Bte 5, B—1140 Bruxelles
1965	Bolivia†	Mr Mario Cariaga Aramayo	.... Casilla 2083, La Paz
1920	Brazil	Mr. Joao Baptista Brito Pinto	.... R. Anita Garibaldi, 29-10º andar, CEP 01018, Sao Paulo SP.
1912	Burma	U Maung Gyi	.... No. 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon
1919	Canada	Mr Ted Davy	.... 2307 Sovereign Crescent S.W., Calgary, Alberta T3C 2M3
1924	Canada*	Mrs H.B. Jackson	.... P.O. Box 1202, Station 'Q', Toronto, Ontario, M4T 2P4 Canada
1920	Chile	Mr Mauricio Fromovich	.... Casilla 3603, Santiago
1937	Colombia	Mr Gabriel Burgos	.... Carrera 6A, No. 56-40, Bogota
1905	Cuba	Dr Lelia Fernandez Pagola P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1918	Denmark	Mrs Marion Bennis Banevej 3, Hyllested, 4261 Dalmose
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1907	Finland	Miss Sirkka Kivilinna Vironkatu 7c2, 00170, Helsinki 17
1899	France	Mrs Francoise Caracostea 4 Square Rap, 75007 Paris
1902	Germany, West	Mrs Gerda Hofer	.... Holbeinstrasse 16, D-2800 Bremen 1
1928	Greece	Mr Melissaropoulos Dragatsaniou Street 6, Athens 122
1921	Iceland	Mr Birgir Bjarnason Ingolfstraeti 22, Reykjavik

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1891	India Mr A. Suryanarayan Moorti The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 221010
1912	Indonesia	.... H.M. Soesiswo	.... Jalan Oto Iskandardinata III/G. 336, Jatinegara, Jakarta Timur.
1949	Ireland N*	.... Mr Antonio Rodriguez	.... Gateway House, 242 Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 2AR
1919	Ireland, Rep. of	.... Mr Roger Parris	.... 31 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4
1902	Italy	.... Mr Edoardo Bratina	.... via E. Toti 3, (Post Box 1252) 34131 Trieste
1948	Malaysia†	.... Mr S. Narayanan	.... 12 Lorong Damansarah Endah Kuala Lumpur
1919	Mexico	.... Mr Alfonso Morales	.... Ignacio Mariscal 126, Mexico I, D.F.
1897	Netherlands, The	.... Mr Arend Heybroek	.... 7 Kruisstraat, Utrecht 2502
1896	New Zealand	.... Mrs Mavis Hardy	.... 18 Belvedere Street, Epsom, Auckland 3
1913	Norway	.... Mr T. Degenaars	.... 42 Klokkejordet, 1364 Hvalstad
1948	Pakistan†	.... Mrs Gool K. Minwalla	.... 'Q' House 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 0402
1933	Philippines, The	.... Mrs Cleo. Z. Gregorio	.... 600 La Salle, Greenhills, Mandaluyong, Metromanilla
1921	Portugal Dr Cesina Bermudes Camno Martires da Patria 69, r/c-Dto., Lisbon 1
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1910	Scotland Dr James Gault Mitchell 15 Binghill Crescent, Milltimber, Aberdeen AB1 OHP
1921	Spain	.... Dr Jose Maria Vendrel Brucet	.... Calle Napoles 352.4º, 2ª, Barcelona 25
1926	Sri Lanka	.... Mr T. R. Rustomjee	.... 127/1. Cotta Road, Colombo 8
1895	Sweden	.... Mr Gunnar Larson	.... Jorgensgatan 6, S-41670 Gothenburg
1910	Switzerland	.... Dr Mariz Nguyen Huan Chi	.... 46b, route de Gy, 1252 Meinier
1886	United States of America	.... Mrs Dora Kunz	.... P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60187
1925	Uruguay	.... Mrs Dolores Gago de Fuerte	.... J. Barrios Amorin 1085, Casilla de Correos 1553
1953	Venezuela†	.... Dr Roger Vivas-Dacanio	.... Apartado 2907, Caracas
1922	Wales	.... Mrs E.T. Probert	.... 21 Alfreda Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF 4 2EH
1225	Yugoslavia Mr Emillo Trampuz Proleterskih Brigada 226F, 41000 Zagreb

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†Presidential Agency.

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Additional Members of the General Council

Mrs GOOL K. MINWALLA, 'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island Karachi 4, Pakistan (for 1983, 1984 and 1985)

Mr JAMES S. PERKINS, 29, Taormina Lane, Taormina, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1981, 1982 and 1983)

Dr HUGH SHEARMAN, 36, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 146 JY, United Kingdom, (for 1981, 1982 and 1983)

Mr V. WALLACE SLATER, 55, Southfields, Hendon, London NW4 4LX, England (for 1981, 1982 and 1983)

Mr SEYMOUR BALLARD, 73, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, OX-14-3, AE, England (for 1983, 1984 and 1985)

Mrs EMILY SELLON, 949, Forest Ave., Rye, N.Y., U.S.A. (for 1981, 1982 and 1983)

Miss JOY MILLS, KROTONA 22, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1983, 1984 and 1985)

Miss IANTHE H. HOSKINS, 37, Victoria Hill Road, Hextable, near Swanley, Kent BR-8-7LL, England (for 1981, 1982 and 1983)

Mr C. R. N. SWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1981, 1982 and 1983)

Mr CURT BERG, Sparrisbacken 63, S-162-37 Vallingby, Sweden (for 1982, 1983 and 1984)

Mr N. MUTHUSWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1982, 1983 and 1984)

Mr JUAN VINAS, Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires, Argentina (for 1983, 1984 and 1985)

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

*Of the meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held at Adyar on 26 December 1982 at 9 a.m.*

PRESENT

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President (in the Chair) and proxy for Italy, East & Central Africa, Cuba and Mr Seymour Ballard.</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>Vice-President and proxy for Finland.</i>
Mrs Norma Y. Sastry	<i>Secretary and proxy for Indonesia, Yugoslavia, Central America and South Africa.</i>
Miss Tjioe Siang Nio	<i>Treasurer and proxy for Burma.</i>
Mrs Dora Kunz	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in U.S.A., and proxy for Mrs Emily Sellon.</i>
Mr J. S. Patterson	<i>General Secretary, T. S. in Australia.</i>
Miss Marion Caws	<i>General Secretary, T. S. in England, and proxy for Wales and Miss Ianthe Hoskins.</i>
Mrs Francoise Caracostea	<i>General Secretary, T. S. in France, and proxy for Belgium and Spain.</i>
Mrs Dolores Gago de Fuerte	<i>General Secretary, T. S. in Uruguay, and proxy for Argentina and Chile.</i>
Mr A. Suryanarayan Moorti	<i>General Secretary, T. S. in India.</i>
Miss Joy Mills	<i>Additional Member and proxy for Brazil, Philippines, New Zealand, Germany, and Mr James Perkins.</i>
Mrs Gool K. Minwalla	<i>Additional Member and proxy for the Netherlands and Austria.</i>
Mr Curt Berg	<i>Additional Member and proxy for Denmark and Sweden.</i>
Mr C. R. N. Swamy	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr N. Muthuswamy	<i>Additional Member</i>
	<i>Present by Invitation as Observers</i>
Mr R. S. Soejatno	<i>Indonesia</i>
Mr S. Narayanan	<i>Malaysia</i>
Miss Cecilia Pollard	<i>New Zealand</i>
Mrs Kyllikki Vuorinen	<i>Finland</i>

The President welcomed those present and said that she was very glad that so many members were able to attend. Proxies were read out.

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*

The minutes of the meetings of the General Council held on 25 and 31 December 1981 at Varanasi were confirmed and signed.

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes*

Cancellation of Diplomas (Item 4a).

No comments had been received on this point. Stress was laid on ensuring that the constitutions of the Sections are not at variance with the International Constitution, according to which only the President could cancel a member's diploma.

A lodge could of course itself cancel *lodge* membership.

3. *Confirmation of Voting*

(a) *Election of Four Additional Members for the years 1983, 1984 and 1985.*

Under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society, the President nominated for election Miss Joy Mills, Mrs Gool K. Minwalla, Mr Seymour Ballard and Mr Juan Vinas as Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1983, 1984 and 1985.

The above-named four were declared duly elected Additional Members for 1983, 1984 and 1985.

(b) The following Amendments to Rules 36 and 44 had been circulated to the members of the General Council (alterations italics):

Rule 36

(a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) *Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (a), a National Society, Section or Regional Association may cancel the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) within its area. This power shall be exercised by the Governing Body or Committee which is responsible, according to the constitution, rules and regulations of the National Society, Section or Regional Association, for the management of the business and affairs of the National Society, Section or Regional Association.*

(c) *The Lodge (Branch) may appeal to the President against the cancellation of its Charter under sub-rule (b) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the order of cancellation of the Charter, and the President*

may either uphold or quash the order of cancellation. The decision of the President shall be deemed to be effective from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

Provided that if the President does not pass an order on the appeal within a period of nine months from the date of receipt of the appeal, the cancellation of the Charter shall be deemed to have been upheld.

(d) If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the President may, at his discretion, withdraw its Charter.

Rule 44

After para ending 'for the interest of the Society' and before the para beginning 'In cases under (a) above', the following further proviso shall be added :

Provided further that in cases in which the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) had been cancelled by a National Society, Section or Regional Association under sub-rule (b) of Rule 36 and, on an appeal under sub-rule (c) of that Rule, the President quashes the order of cancellation, all property of the Lodge (Branch) shall again vest in the Lodge (Branch), and shall be deemed to have remained so vested from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

Result of Voting on Amendments to Rules 36 and 44 :

For	Against	Abstaining	Total
33	1*	—	34

* Only against amendment to rule 36 (d) but in favour of the rest.

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted.

4. Report of the Non-English Publication Fund Committee for the year ending 30th September 1982.

Mr Curt Berg proposed that *An Approach to Reality* or other suitable book by N Sri Ram should be included in the list of books recommended for publication by the NEPF. It was pointed out that the list would be expanded.

There is need for greater coordination in translation work within countries where the same language is spoken. Correct translations should be ensured. Attention should further be given to see that covers used are suitable. The

Theosophical Publishing House, when giving permission for translation, might reserve the right to approve the cover to be used.

It was pointed out that not only the interest on the fund, but also the capital can be used for financing publications.

The present committee consisting of the following was reappointed for one year :

President	Chairman
Vice President	Vice Chairman
Miss Joy Mills	Member
Mr C. R. N. Swamy	Publications Manager, T.P.H., Adyar
Mr Clarence Pederson	Publications Manager, T.P.H., Wheaton
Mrs Helen Gething	Chairman, T.P.H., London
Mrs Barbro Melander	Chairman, European Federation
Mr Juan Vinas	President, Inter-American Federation

5. Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 30th September 1982.

The summary of the Executive Committee's Minutes for 1981-82 was received and discussed. Such a summary of the Committee's Minutes and also letters giving general information were both considered valuable. Both are to be sent in future to Council Members.

6. Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1983.

The following were appointed as members of the Executive Committee for 1983 :

Mrs Radha Burnier	President
Mr Surendra Narayan	Vice President
Mrs Norma Y. Sastry	Secretary
Miss Tjioe Siang Nio	Treasurer
Mr C. R. N. Swamy	General Council Member
Mr N. Muthuswamy	General Council Member
Mr John Clarke	
Mr Ch. Sankar Rao	
Mr R. Gopalaratnam	
Mr K. Visvanathan	

7. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 1982 and period ending 30th September 1982.

The reports and accounts were considered. It was agreed that the John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund would be maintained for some time more, while contributions continued to come in, and then amalgamated with the ABC Fund.

The *Adyar Newsletter* showed a deficit largely because of the cost of the experimental language edition in French, German and Spanish. The President expressed the view that the added cost is worthwhile, as members should come to know more about Adyar. The last issue had been much appreciated and care would be taken to bring out the Newsletters regularly in future.

The Council's decision to publish *The Theosophist* without news of theosophical activities around the world would continue to be in force as the magazine went also to non-members.

The Jewish Synagogue Fund is to be merged with the General Fund, as the Council had decided that more temples should not be constructed at Adyar.

The President stated that every effort was being made to cut expenses and to increase production on the estate. One of the measures taken to improve income was to reinvest funds more profitably.

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 1982 and the period ending 30 September 1982 were adopted.

Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held at Adyar on 27 December 1982 at 8 a.m.

PRESENT

All those present at the meeting of 26 December 1982 with the addition of :
Mr H. D. Shah, General Secretary of the T. S. in East & Central Africa and the absence of :

Mr S. Narayanan, Observer from Malaysia.

8. Revised Budget for the year ending 30 September 1983 and the Budget for the year ending 30 September 1984.

The budgets were considered. The President mentioned that various departments needed to be improved and expanded including the Centre of Studies and the Adyar Library.

Rs. 50,000 had been allotted from the General Fund to start a fund for a new Theosophical Publishing House Building in Besant Gardens. It was planned to build 3 to 4 cottages in Besant Gardens as living quarters.

The sooner walls were erected around the boundaries of Adyar the better, as costs were rising. The walls would prevent losses from the theft of coconuts and help reduce cost on security.

The budgets for the above-mentioned periods were adopted.

9. *Appointment of Auditors for year ending 30 September 1983.*

N. A. Naganathan & Co. were appointed as Auditors for the year ending 30 September 1983 on the prevailing terms.

10. The International Finance Committee was reappointed with the following members:

Mrs Radha Burnier, President
Mr Surendra Narayan, Vice President
Mr Wallace Slater
Mrs Dora Kunz
Miss Joy Mills
Mr Curt Berg

11. *Any other Business*

(a) *Proposal by the European Federation*

The following proposal by the European Federation for providing safeguards in the election of officers and the eligibility of members to vote was discussed:

1. Members should be of at least one year's standing to qualify for voting.
2. The General Secretaries, Assistant General Secretaries and other Officers (including Committee members) of Sections must have been members in good standing for at least three consecutive years.
3. Presidents of Lodges must have been members in good standing for at least three consecutive years.
4. Intending members must have two sponsors of at least two years' consecutive membership.
5. Intending members should be Associate Members (without voting rights) for at least one year before becoming full members.
6. If there is no suitable person, in terms of (3) above, for Presidency of a Lodge, the Lodge should revert to being a Centre with a Secretary who should have as long a standing as possible.

It was agreed that some qualifications for holding offices and for voting by members should be laid down. The proposals, however, needed to be examined further and for this purpose it was decided that the President and Vice President, with the help of anybody else they may wish to coopt, may frame specific proposals for amendment of the Rules and Regulations of the Society and present them to the General Council for consideration.

(b) Proposal by the English Section

The English Section had proposed that the General Council should formulate clearly the meaning of self-government or autonomy in Lodges. Whereas a Lodge should have the power to organize its structure, i.e. by electing a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee, the Section Committee should have the power to intervene (i) if the Lodge is carrying on activities not strictly theosophical and (ii) if the Lodge funds are reported to be improperly administered, and ask for a copy of the Lodge accounts.

It was pointed out that the newly-passed amendment to Rule 36 gives power to Sections to cancel the Charter of a Lodge, subject to an appeal to the International President.

While discussing the proposal, the following points were made :

Many problems arise because there is too little emphasis on what it means to be a member. Prospective members should be discouraged from joining until they know what the Society stands for. Misconceptions regarding what a Lodge should do as well as large-scale lapses of membership (mostly of new members) occurred because of unwise enrolment.

Lodge rules must be in conformity with national and international rules, and neither Lodges nor Sections have the right to alter, add to or subtract from the three Objects.

It was the view of the Council that as there are difficulties in various countries, it would be desirable to work out broad guidelines about what a T. S. Lodge should be. One such guideline, for instance, could be that a Lodge should not promote a personality cult.

(c) Unattached Members

Dr Hugh Shearman, Additional Member, had written deploring the increasing numbers of unattached members.

The view was expressed that a Lodge is an excellent training ground for learning practical brotherhood, cooperation, etc. On the other hand, it may some-

times be discouraging for a younger person to fit into a group of old people, or for an intellectual person to accommodate to a group of simple persons. It was also mentioned that members living in the suburbs of a metropolitan city, sometimes prefer to attend meetings at the headquarters in the city than to be attached to a small Lodge. Some cities have also become too unsafe for members to go to Lodge meetings which are often held in the evenings. It was however generally agreed that unattached membership should be discouraged.

(d) *International Secretary*

It had been suggested that the term 'Recording Secretary' be readopted. This was not thought to be an accurate description. It was agreed that in communications from the Secretary and the Treasurer the designation may be mentioned as 'International Secretary' and 'International Treasurer'.

(e) *Administration*

The Council expressed its full support and confidence in the present administration of the Society and in its handling of the strike situation. The President gave a short account of events related to the strike, the deplorable conduct of the leaders of the union and of the strike and their impossible demands.

